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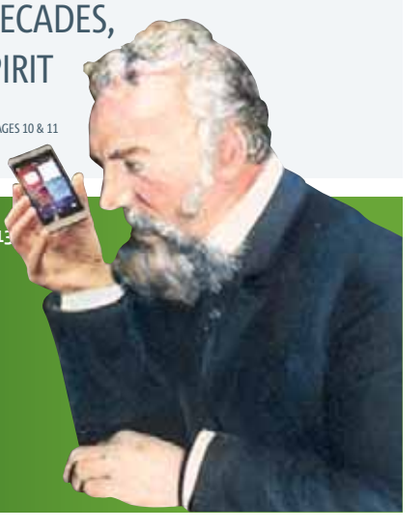

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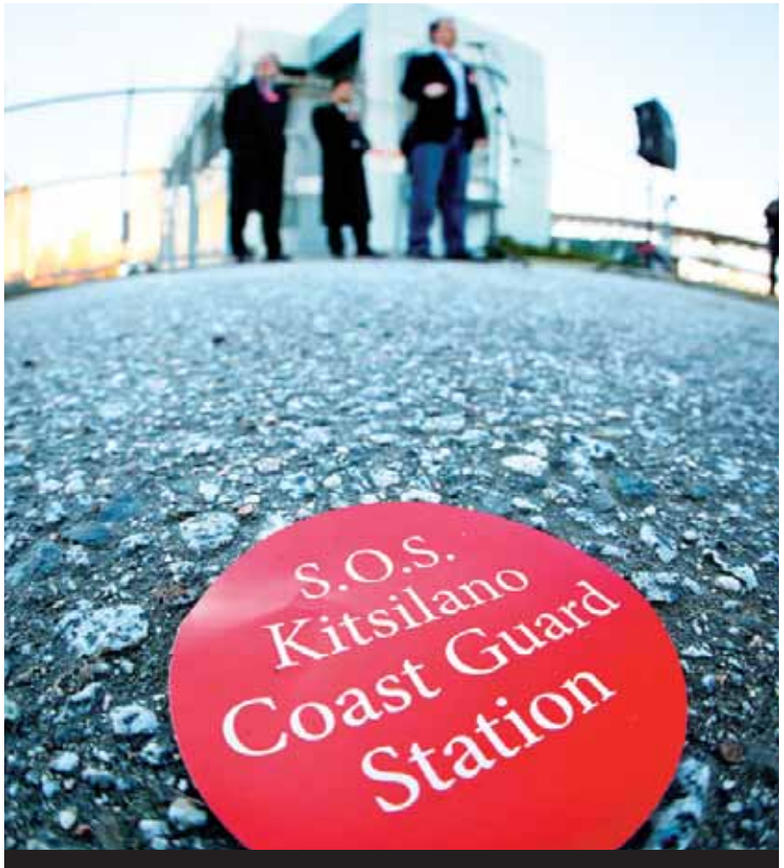

SURPRISE SHUTDOWN

NDP MP Fin Donnelly speaks during a rally at the Kitsilano Coast Guard station Tuesday afternoon. The base was scheduled to cease operations in the spring, but it was closed suddenly Tuesday afternoon. Story, page 4. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Budget puts B.C. on path to surplus

Finance. Liberals raise taxes for high earners and corporations

British Columbia's Liberals turned their backs on more than a decade of devotion to tax cuts and hiked some significant ones Tuesday in a race to balance their books before heading into the May election.

Finance Minister Mike de Jong resorted to raising income taxes for corporations and high-income earners and boosting health-care premiums to help bridge the gap from deficit to surplus.

De Jong's budget, tabled Tuesday, forecasts a surplus of $197 million for the 2013-14 fiscal year, while this year's budget posts a deficit of $1.2 billion. The government predicts budget surpluses of $211 million for 2014-15 and $460 million for 2015-16.

"We've fought our way back," he said.

De Jong's budget comes less than three months before the May 14 provincial election, in which the Liberals are seeking their fourth consecutive mandate.

It borrows heavily from ideas already floated by the Opposition NDP, which has in the past mused about higher corporate taxes and higher personal levies on the most wealthy. The NDP has consistently led the Liberals in opinion polls.

Opposition New Democrat finance critic Bruce Ralston said he endorsed the Liberal moves toward income-tax increases for corporations and the wealthy.

"I'm pleased that the B.C. Liberals, despite their strong attacks on those ideas when they were first mooted, have adopted them," he said.

The budget left members of the business community unhappy. Jock Finlayson, vice-president of the Business Council of B.C., said the corporate-tax increases in the budget would not be a deep concern if taken by themselves. But added together with the province's return to the provincial sales tax, the ongoing carbon tax and the high Canadian dollar, the business community has deepening worries.

Since 2001, when the Liberals were first elected, cutting personal income taxes and business taxes has been their road map to prosperity, but economic adversity has forced the government to make difficult choices, de Jong said.

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Points of note

- **Total provincial debt** is forecast to be $62.7 billion in 2013-14.
- **Beginning January 2014, the personal income-tax rate** on income above $150,000 will increase by 2.1 percentage points to 16.8 per cent. The increase is set to expire in 2016.
- **Medical Services Plan premiums** will increase by about four per cent, effective Jan. 1, 2014.
- **Tobacco taxes** increase by $2 per carton effective Oct. 1.
- **The corporate income-tax rate** will increase by one percentage point to 11 per cent on April 1, 2013, a year earlier than expected.

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Reaction to the budget

"We are quite concerned about the challenges we are facing in B.C. with respect to our competitiveness and unfortunately, this budget really doesn't say much about that."

Jock Finlayson, vice president of the Business Council of B.C.

"This is, overall, a good-news budget for small businesses. We got the balanced budget and that's really important to us and our members."

Mike Klassen of the Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses

"We're concerned, given inflation and population growth, that (the increase to healthcare funding) is just not going to cut it in terms of the unmet needs of our population."

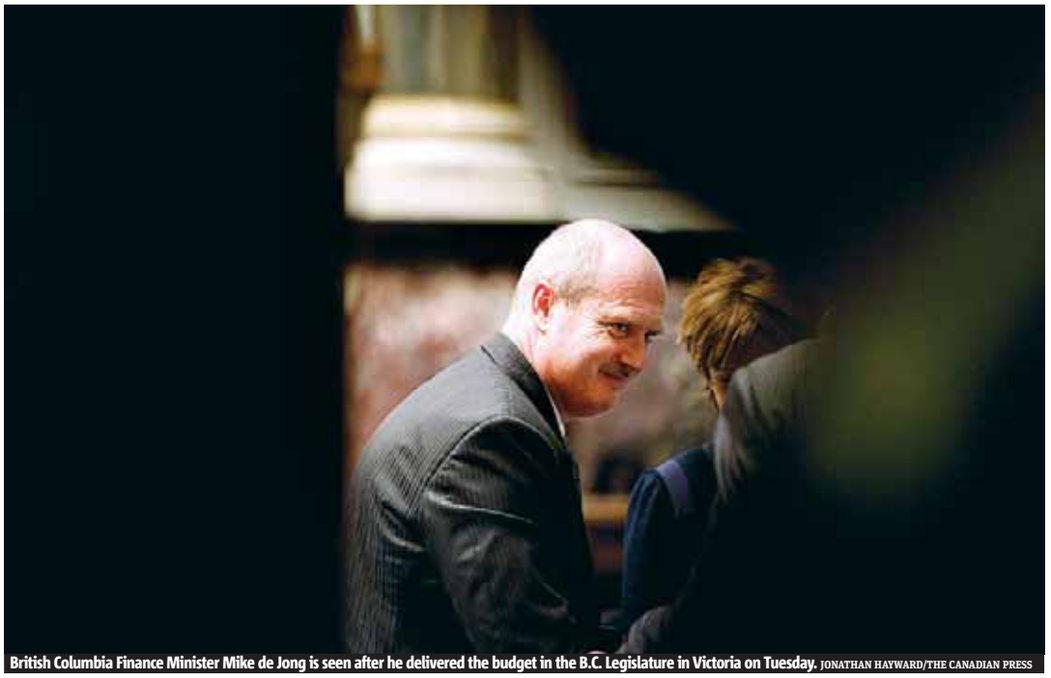
Debra McPherson, president of the B.C. Nurses Union

"The amount for education is a flat line in this budget. It didn't go up last year and it's not going up again, so big-ticket items like class size and class composition, it doesn't look like there's any plan in this budget to deal with those things."

Glen Hansman, second vice-president of the B.C. Teachers' Federation

"The environment was largely notable by its absence in the 2013 B.C. Budget."

Gwen Barlee, policy director at the Wilderness Committee



British Columbia Finance Minister Mike de Jong is seen after he delivered the budget in the B.C. Legislature in Victoria on Tuesday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

B.C. tigthens its belt with latest budget

'Families first'.

Premier offered pair of promises aimed at parents — post-secondary grants, child tax credits — ahead of May election

Premier Christy Clark enters the next provincial election attempting to sell her "families first" image with a pair of budget promises aimed at parents — first to care for children when they are young and then to educate them as they enter adulthood — that will require little new spending in the short-term and won't benefit taxpayers for years.

Clark's finance minister, Mike de Jong, was almost apologetic as he acknowledged he had little new to offer British Columbians in the Liberal government's 2013-2014 fiscal plan, which will set the tone for the May election.

The budget's flagship promises include a post-secondary grant that will deposit $1,200 into Registered Education Savings Program accounts, for children when they turn six. The budget also includes a tax credit for parents of children under six, worth up to $660 a year, which takes effect two years from now.

There is also new funding for childcare and early childhood services, as well as youth arts programs.

The government has placed cutting costs and balancing the budget ahead of new spending, and those two programs are among the very few de Jong had to boast about on Tuesday.

"With admittedly limited resources available, we are seeking to unleash the power of that savings in partnership with parents," de Jong told reporters in a briefing before he tabled his budget in the legislature.

But even those programs were designed to acknowledge the reality that the province has very little extra to spend.

De Jong described the childhood tax credit this way: "Cumulatively significant, admittedly a couple of years down the road."

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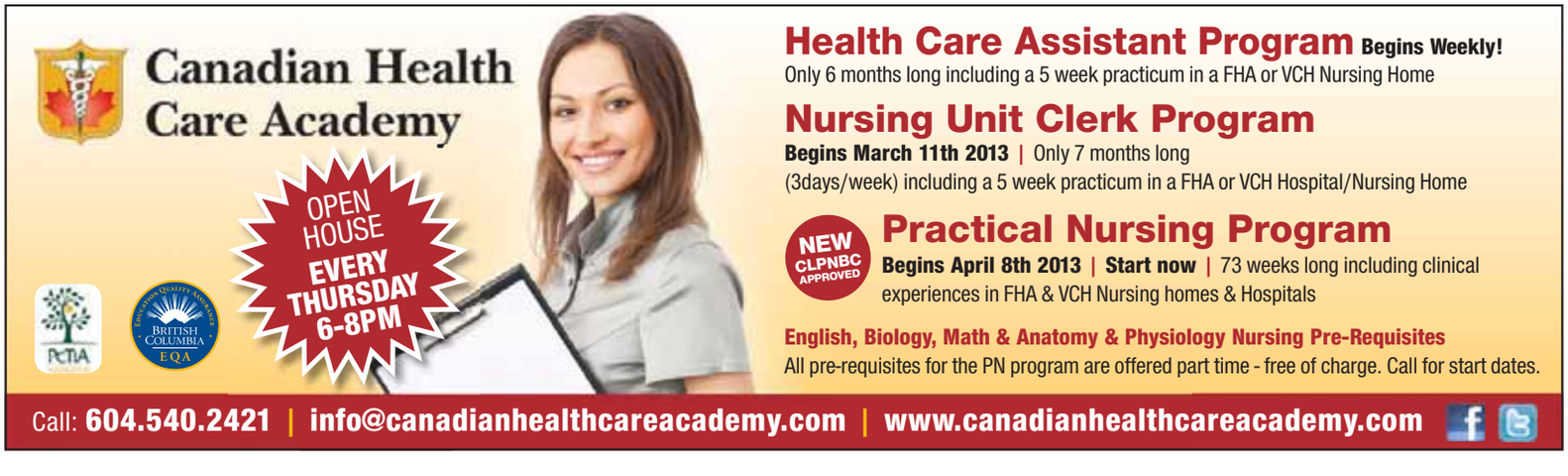
Money matters

- The education and training grant will cost about $30 million a year, but that money will come from the province's Children Education Fund, set up in 2007, which sets aside $1,000 for every child born in the province.
- The tax credit is estimated to cost $146 million during its first year — beginning April 1, 2015.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Size 2 slide. Avalanche kills German heli-skier

A heli-skiing trip ended in tragedy with the death of a 34-year-old German man in an avalanche east of Jumbo Mountain Monday afternoon.

Eleven skiers and a guide from RK Heliski were on their sixth run of the day on a run called "Perogie" in the Purcell Mountains when a Size 2 avalanche hit the mountain around 2 p.m., according to the company.

Three friends from Germany were caught in the 150-metre-wide slide that ran down 300 metres, partially burying one and completely burying two, according to Columbia Valley RCMP.

The guide and others in the group used beacons to rescue one man with non-life-threatening injuries, but the second man was found unresponsive.

The company immediately flew him to Invermere Hospital where attempts to revive him were unsuccessful.

The man has been identified as Gotz-Thilo Ries of Karlsehie, Germany. **EMILY JACKSON/METRO**

Possible charges

Man in hospital following crash

One man is recovering in hospital and faces possible charges for allegedly riding a stolen motorcycle after an early-morning collision on Hastings Street Tuesday.

Police say that a 54-year-old Delta man riding a motorcycle shortly before 5:30 a.m. struck a car as both travelled west on Hastings Street near Carrall Street.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Queen of the North trial

Colleague testifies on Karl Lilgert's explanation of crash

A B.C. Supreme Court trial has heard that minutes after a B.C. ferry slammed into an island, the man who was navigating the ship blamed another boat and limited visibility.

Fourth officer Karl Lilgert is charged with two counts of criminal negligence causing the deaths of two passengers. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

'Vancouver is in shock'

Feds shut down station. Surprise closing of Kits Coast Guard base prompts impassioned rally

Mandip Sandhu holds up a childhood photo of himself with his now deceased brother, Paul, at a rally on Tuesday to protest the Kitsilano station's closing, as Coun. Kerry Jang looks on. LIAM BRITTEN/METRO

The Kitsilano Coast Guard station wasn't supposed to close until spring.

Surprisingly, the federal government closed the base at 1 p.m. Tuesday. Employees didn't find out until they read about it on a website.

"That lack of respect for those people is disgraceful," said B.C. Federation of Labour president Jim Sinclair, speaking at a hastily convened rally at the base Tuesday evening.

Vancouver Coun. Kerry Jang also spoke. He was incensed about how the federal government did not listen to the city's recommendations to keep the base open.

"Shutting this base … will play roulette with people's lives. But no one listened," Jang said. "The entire city of Vancouver is in shock. Nobody told us."

The closing happened while the provincial government was reading the 2013 budget. The timing wasn't lost on NDP MP Fin Donnelly, who called it "a despicable way to do politics."

Jericho Sailing Centre chair Mike Cotter said the closing would be lethal.

"People will die as a result of this decision," he said.

The rally became emotional when Mandip Sandhu spoke about the loss of his brother, Paul.

Paul died after his car slid into the Fraser River in 2001. Coast guard divers couldn't save him: Their diving program had been cancelled three days earlier.

He said further coast-guard cuts would leave more families grieving.

"I just had a newborn baby, six months old. My little baby boy is never going to know his uncle, and he was a great guy," he said. **LIAM BRITTEN/METRO**

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Red and Yellow shock fans with resignation letter.

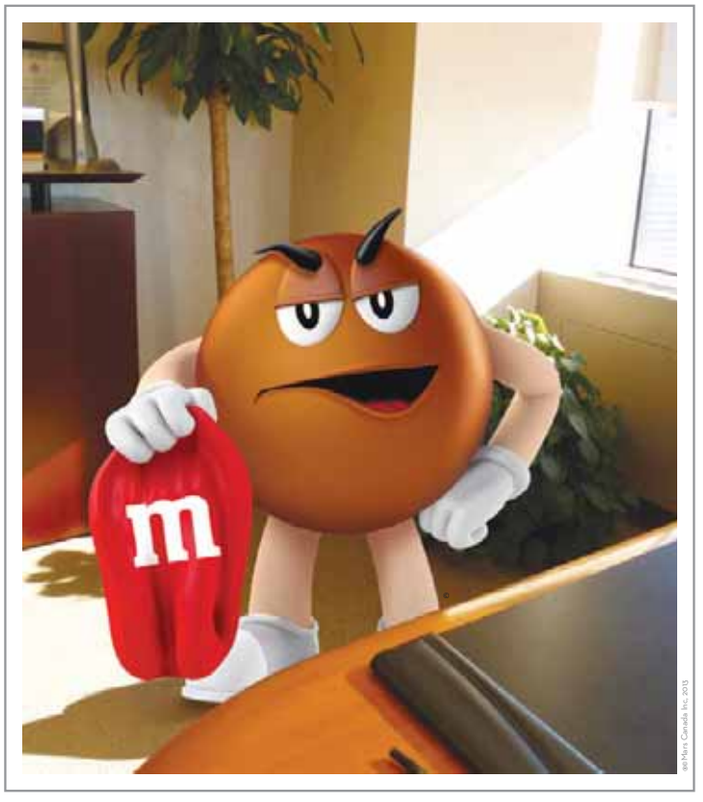
Milk chocolate lovers across the country today are mourning the loss of *M&M'S* iconic spokes candies Red and Yellow, following Tuesday's public announcement that they are hanging up their '*M*'s' and parting ways with the *M&M'S* team immediately to avoid being eaten.

"Those two have been with us for almost 60 years, so it came as a real shock" said *M&M'S* Chief Chocolate Officer Ms Brown, following the leak of Red and Yellow's resignation letter to the press on Friday. "But don't forget – the rest of us *M&M'S* spokes candies deal with the same problem everyday. Worse, I always get people smirking at me because they think I'm naked!" she continued.

The rant-filled resignation letter – which can be read in its entirety on facebook.com/mmscanada and on twitter @mmscanada – is quite abrasive and aggressive, complicating the possibility of any reconciliation. In their letter, the former spokes candies cite their daily fear of being eaten, among other things, as the main reason for resigning – going so far as to blame Canadians for their untamed love of milk chocolate.

Most *M&M'S* fans have been reacting to their departure with disappointment. "I loved Red and Yellow. You can't replace those two. It just won't be the same without them" says Craig Brandon, longtime *M&M'S* fan. Others are angry. "What the heck! This is how you thank your fans?" complains Jennifer Machey. And meanwhile, some people seemed confused. "Does this mean they're hiring? My grandson needs a summer job" said a man by the name of 'Bugsy'. As for the other *M&M'S* spokes candies – they wouldn't return our calls.

The departure of Red and Yellow as the mascots of the *M&M'S* brand has sparked speculation as to who will take over leading the corporate image. When asked if the company plans to promote from within or hire outside to fill the role of Red and Yellow, a company PR agent responded,



"I loved Red and Yellow. You can't replace those two. It just won't be the same without them."

Says Craig Brandon, longtime M&M's fan.

"You have to understand the position we're in now. Red and Yellow broke the mold. It's going to be very hard to fill their shoes, and that's not candy-coating it." Reactions on twitter have linked to leaked images of potential mascots sporting colours like Maroon and Sea Foam. The PR agent would not comment on the leaked images at this time.

Red and Yellow have since been spotted roaming around without their iconic '*M*' emblazoned candy shells on.

Perhaps it hasn't yet dawned on them that they are now naked. Whatever the case may be, one thing is for certain – the former *M&M'S* mascots have achieved celebrity status over the years and will surely be missed. Keep following this breaking news story as it unfolds at facebook.com/mmscanada and @mmscanada on twitter.

Burnaby council says no to shark-fin bylaw

Question of legal authority. Bylaw banning shark fin in Toronto was overturned in court

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Despite an acknowledgement that shark finning is "inhumane," Burnaby city council decided not to introduce a bylaw banning shark-fin sales to avoid drifting into murky legal waters.

A staff report recommended that council write both the federal and provincial governments to encourage bans on trading shark fins, which are typically used for a traditional Chinese soup on celebratory occasions. But the report stopped short of recommending a ban on the product since it's unclear whether the city has authority to do so.

Toronto passed a bylaw prohibiting shark fins in 2011, but it was overturned in a court challenge. The city may appeal the decision.

Hoping for regional ban

"I'm still hopeful for a regional ban, that's still our approach, but right now it's on hold until we find out what happens in Toronto."

Coun. Kerry Jang, in reference to a shark-fin ban in Toronto that was overturned in a court challenge. The city may appeal.

Lower Mainland municipalities, including Vancouver and Burnaby, are waiting to see what happens with Toronto's court case before pursuing a full ban.

"If that appeal is successful, we will regroup and work with our neighbours to really pursue a ban," Burnaby Coun. Sav Dhaliwal said Tuesday.

Burnaby's council is opposed to shark finning, he added, calling it "cruel and unjust" method "just for a bowl of soup."

While Vancouver has the authority to ban shark fins under its charter, it wouldn't do much good because everyone would buy them in Richmond, Coun. Kerry Jang said.

"We may exercise that in the future if necessary, as quite frankly, Vancouverites have made it very clear they want that stuff banned," Jang said. "I'm still hopeful for a regional ban, that's still our approach, but right now it's on hold until we find out what happens in Toronto."

Two private-members' bills relating to shark-fin regulation are before the federal government.

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Los Angeles. Body found at hotel where Vancouverite was last seen

Los Angeles police have confirmed that a body has been found Tuesday at a downtown hotel where a missing Vancouver woman was last seen.

Elisa Lam, a 21-year-old UBC student, has been missing since Jan. 31 and was last seen at the lobby of the Cecil Hotel, near the city's skid row.

Officer Sara Faden of the LAPD told Metro that they removed a young woman's body from a water tank on the hotel's roof.

"A maintenance worker received complaints from some of the occupants who said the water pressure within the hotel was very low," Faden said Tuesday afternoon. "The worker then went on top of the roof to look at the water tanks and found this young woman in her 20s."

Faden said the body has not officially been identified. But the Los Angeles Times has reported that LAPD sources believe the body is that of Lam.

Last week, the LAPD released a video of Lam that shows her behaving strangely in an elevator.

The nearly three-minute security video shows Lam pushing several buttons in the elevator, looking out the hallway repeatedly before moving her hands wildly.

Police have said that Lam's "suspicious" disappearance might have been a result of foul play, and Lam had been in contact with her parents until she vanished.

Los Angeles police say Lam was travelling alone and arrived in L.A. on Jan. 26. Lam's final destination was believed to be Santa Cruz.

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A gas explosion that sparked a massive, block-engulfing blaze in an upscale Kansas City shopping district injured 14 people, a city official said Tuesday evening, adding that it is believed that an accident involving a utility contractor may have caused the blast.

City Manager Troy Schulte said he had not heard of any fatalities.

Earlier, Kansas City police had said the blast was caused by a car crashing into a gas main just after 6 p.m. Fire officials said later they were not aware of a crash being involved in the blast.

The University of Kansas Hospital was treating five people injured in the blast, said spokesman Bob Hallinan. He said one person was in critical condition, two were in serious condition and two others were expected to be released. He said all the injuries were traumatic, such as broken bones, rather than burns or smoke inhalation.

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Pistorius says he mistook girlfriend for home invader

Premeditated murder charge. Prosecutors say the evidence proves the killing was no accident

Oscar Pistorius wept Tuesday as his defence lawyer read the athlete's account of how he shot his girlfriend to death on Valentine's Day, claiming he had mistaken her for an intruder.

Prosecutors, however, told a packed courtroom that the double-amputee mercilessly killed 29-year-old Reeva Steenkamp as she cowered inside a locked bathroom.

Pistorius told the Pretoria Magistrate's Court at a bail hearing he felt vulnerable in the presence of an intruder inside the bathroom because he did not have his prosthetic legs on, and fired into the door.

In a major point of contention, prosecutor Gerrie Nel said Pistorius took the time to put on his prostheses, walked seven metres from the bed to the enclosed toilet inside his bathroom and only then opened fire. Three of the four bullets fired into the door hit Steenkamp, Nel said.

Pistorius said in his sworn statement that after opening fire, he realized Steenkamp was not in his bed.

"It filled me with horror and fear," Pistorius said.

The 26-year-old Olympian said he put on his prosthetic legs and tried to kick down the door before finally bashing it in with a cricket bat. Inside, he said he found Steenkamp. He said he lifted her bloodied body and tried to carry her downstairs to seek help.

Nel said the athlete opened fire after the couple engaged in a shouting match and she fled to the bathroom.

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The victim

Reeva Steenkamp actively campaigned against domestic violence.

- **South Africa** has the world's highest rate of women killed by an intimate partner, according to a study by the Medical Research Council. Professor Rachel Jewkes of the council said at least three are killed every day.

A woman holds a photo of Reeva Steenkamp as she leaves her funeral Tuesday. SCHALK VAN ZUYDAM/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Canada Innovates

Part 1

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Today, we profile the state of Canadian innovation and where the seeds of ideas are being sown. Governments are stepping up with increased innovation investment and the private sector is poised to jump on the opportunities — Canada is ripe for the next wave of social, cultural and technological innovation.

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CANADA: OUR HOME

Answering the call.

Government, investors & academics are serious about leading us out of innovation's backwoods

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In the mid-1800s, a Canadian scientist sought to honour his deaf mother and wife through understanding the science of hearing.

By 1874 he was splitting time between his Brantford, Ont., home and a Boston laboratory, gaining a reputation as one of the most intelligent and inventive scientists in the Western hemisphere. It was in Boston, though, where he would develop the vital relationships — and funding — required to produce the technology that would change the way billions of people communicated.

Most of us wouldn't have known the name Alexander Graham Bell had it not been for American businessmen Gardiner Hubbard and Tom Sanders.

Aside from being Bell's father-in-law, Hubbard, along with Sanders, provided the resources required for experimental prototypes.

Nearly 150 years later, inspired Canadian scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs continue to head south to have their dreams realized.

A 2010 report by the Conference Board of Canada gave our country a D grade for its innovation efforts and a ranking of 14 out of 17 developed countries (below Austria and Denmark). They defined innovation as "the ability to turn knowledge into new and improved goods and services."

The report found Canada lagging in several key innovation indicators, including patents produced per capita, export market share of electronics and pharmaceuticals, and technology manufacturing.

Later that year, the government assembled an expert panel from the academic and corporate worlds to solve the innovation gap. The result was a report entitled Innovation Canada: A Call to Action, a review of innovation over the past 30 years that provided a framework for repositioning Canada's economy.

"The budget last year, which was only maybe six months after the report, enacted a whole host of initiatives that were recommended in the report," says Tom Jenkins, the panel's chair.

Among Jenkins's several distinguished titles is executive chairman and chief strategy officer of Waterloo, Ont.-based software company OpenText.

According to him, two significant barriers to innovation are the bureaucratic red tape keeping entrepreneurs from tax credits, and turning the government — one of the market's largest buyers — into a customer.

Progress has been made on the former point through simplification of the Scientific Research and Experimental Development tax-incentive program (known as SHRED).

The latter has been considered through the Canadian Innovation Commercialization Program, which awards government contracts to the most innovative firms. For Jenkins, these are steps in the right direction, but more needs to be done by the public sector to drive competition.

"In our research we found that customers, demanding customers, in a competitive environment, are the No. 1 driver of innovation," he said. "The private sector has this built-in conveyor belt that forces it to innovate, and if it's not innovating fast enough or big enough, then that's where government, which has a different agenda, needs to sort of weigh in and encourage."

Jenkins notes four key components of an innovation ecosystem:

Talent
Canada's schools continue to perform well on a global stage, but now it's a matter of cultivating this wealth of intelligence and creativity.

Toronto has seen the formation of university-based innovation centres like Ryerson University's Digital Media Zone, alongside innovation-focused post-grad programs.

The same can be said for the University of Calgary's Haskayne School of Business and the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business.

Capital
Today's entrepreneurs look to government grants and loans in the public sector and large, daring investment companies (angel investors and venture-

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"I think overall we are still lagging in innovation. As a score, we're certainly not at the top. The Conference Board, the Institute for Competitiveness and Prosperity — they all show that we can do better, and historically we have done better."

Tom Jenkins is the executive chairman and chief strategy officer of Waterloo, Ont.-based software company OpenText, serves on boards for a variety of software companies, is a member of several national academic councils and the chair of the Canadian Digital Media Council.

Ironically, Alexander Graham Bell, arguably this country's greatest innovator, had on to create the BlackBerry found that things have gotten a little better for bright

Suzie's path of innovation

Suzie could be your average Canadian. She is intelligent, creative and motivated. She doesn't mind her job, but is constantly daydreaming about building something she can call her own. Suzie has ideas, but she's the only one who knows them. She has plans, but doesn't know how to carry them out.

The entrepreneurial road can be daunting, but if Suzie can follow five steps, she could end up with exactly what she's been dreaming about. STEPHEN BALDWIN/METRO

Conception

A great idea can come in an "'a-ha!" moment or through weeks of brainstorming. Ideas come in all shapes and sizes and can be original or improvements to current concepts or products. Who hasn't thought, "That would be so much better if ..."? Thoughts will be swirling and questions will arise: What purpose will it serve? How will we execute it? Is there a market? Just don't spend too much time coming up with the company name.

Collaboration

Ideas begin to take shape when people with a common interest or goal work together. Everyone's got a unique perspective, and incorporating everyone's input on a product or service can be painstaking — but necessary — as the idea percolates. Breakthroughs are the result of hours of tedious work. Having someone to help carry the burden and responsibility can allow you to get where you need to be faster and more effectively. For those who can't find their entrepreneurial soul mate, meet-ups and forums can help.

AND INNOVATIVE LAND

to leave Canada to pursue the inventions he envisioned. His successors who went people with bright ideas. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY DAVID VAN DYKE

capital funds) in the private sector. Examples of the latter include VA Angels (Alberta), Version One Ventures (B.C.), First Angel Network (Nova Scotia), Extreme Venture Partners (Ontario), Sask Works Venture Fund and the Manitoba Knights.

Infrastructure
Innovation hubs called incubators and accelerators continue to pop up throughout the country, often in collaboration with universities. They have helped companies in Waterloo like OpenText and BlackBerry thrive.

"It's where you get to perform the contact sport," Jenkins says. "In those centres, there are accountants, bankers, people who can access mentors. That's absolutely essential."

Customers
A concentrated customer base is essential to the growth of a company, but the Internet has made it such that this is no longer a geographical requirement. A Canadian startup can come up with a product that caters specifically to Icelanders.

In January, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced a $400-million investment in venture capital.

It's a big step for a government that has been criticized both at home and abroad for living in the past, and with the infrastructure in place, it's now on the private sector, and the next generation of entrepreneurs, to take advantage.

Regardless of the outcome, Canadians can find comfort in the axiom that tolerance breeds innovation. But in this game, according to Jenkins, getting too comfortable can mean falling behind.

"It's the nature of innovation that you cannot rest on your laurels. Because innovation by its nature is constantly changing and constantly challenging countries or companies to keep up. This is not a snapshot, it's a treadmill."

Startups

Canadian innovation: A cautionary tale

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Canada's track record for supporting innovation is good — but it could be better, experts say.

More available capital, resource support and a dash of bravado might be what it takes to push our creative envelope to the max.

Small-business consultant Mark Evans believes the investment community looks at the big-ticket items at the expense of overlooking niche innovation.

"There are not enough sources of seed capital, and a lot has to do with the investment mentality that prevails with big investors who are more conservative. We're happy giving money to companies that want to dig holes in the ground (minerals, etc.), but it's a different game when it comes to other investments," said Evans, a former business journalist, turned consultant, with past credits in the Financial Post and The Globe and Mail.

Small businesses in Canada are a big deal. They account for 98 per cent of our ongoing businesses — and many of them started up to fill a niche or provide a service with an innovative idea or approach. They are the drivers of innovation.

"It's important that people (especially youth) begin thinking like entrepreneurs," says Lesley Wilmot, director of marketing and communication at the Canadian Youth Business Association.

Small businesses aren't small potatoes in Canada. They account for 98 per cent of ongoing businesses in the country. But are today's youth thinking like entrepreneurs? PHOTOS.COM

"We need them for our economy to continue to grow."

Wilmot's organization was established by the government in 1996 and provides youth between 18 and 39 with much-needed startup capital and access to mentors, who offer business advice, guidance and collaboration.

The government and private sector are stepping up with more credit and support for innovative small businesses across the country.

The final step, according to Evans, is believing we're innovators. Canada has long been an innovative nation, but we tend to shy away from the limelight.

"Canadians are too modest and humble for their own good compared to (Americans), who are always ready to declare themselves as the best or No. 1," said Evans.

More online

Canadian innovation has given the world so much, but do you know how much? Try our quiz on Canadian inventions at http://metronews.ca/inventionquiz

Funding and incubation

Venture capitalism and angel investors are emerging as popular avenues for funding. These investors are willing to bet big on great ideas, often for a piece of the company or its profits. Small business can also look to available grants and loans offered by each level of government. Incubators and accelerators provide new businesses with the resources and mentoring needed to grow. Both often provide funding, but their real value is in helping you develop your idea in a collaborative setting.

Experimentation

This varies depending on the idea or application. Web startups will launch a beta version of their site, while others require a more tactile approach (e.g., testing/demonstration in the targeted industry, trade shows/showcases, etc.). This stage allows kinks to be smoothed, and in some cases forces you to start from scratch.

Marketing

This step is often overlooked, but it's as important as the others. You've put together something fresh and innovative, but no one knows about it, so no one cares. Researching and seeking out those people who can influence the success of your innovation is critical. The way you present your business will say a lot about what you do and how you do it. Done right, you can allow the innovation to speak for itself.

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Great-West to buy Ireland's top life insurance provider

EU economic recovery. Winnipeg-based firm strikes deal with Irish government to privatize bailed-out company

Great-West Lifeco world headquarters is pictured in Winnipeg on Tuesday. The company will acquire Irish Life Group for $1.75 billion through an agreement with the Government of Ireland. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Great-West Lifeco Inc. will buy Irish Life Group for $1.75 billion from the Government of Ireland, which acquired the financial-services company last summer as part of a bailout of its former parent.

Irish Life provides life insurance, pension management and investment services to more than one million customers — including about 800,000 individual policyholders.

It also manages assets worth the equivalent of $50 billion and employs about 2,200 people — almost all in Ireland.

"The acquisition of Irish Life is transformational for our companies in Ireland," Great-West president and CEO Allen Loney said Tuesday.

He said Great-West will become Ireland's leading provider of life insurance, pension and investment services with the single transaction.

The Winnipeg-based company began its pursuit of Irish Life when an auction process was launched in September 2011, but withdrew in November of that year due to the European sovereign debt and banking crisis. Speaking from Dublin in a phone interview, Loney said that negotiations resumed about two and a half months ago in November 2012, after the economy began to show signs of improvement.

"Certainly, the Irish economic situation and fiscal situation ... (has) improved out of all recognition in the last 18 months or so."

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EU mystery-meat scandal. Fancy some horse ravioli? Nestle recalls pasta meals

The world's biggest food and drinks maker Nestle SA has become the latest company to pull some of its products off European shelves after they were found to contain undeclared horsemeat.

The company, based in Vevey, Switzerland, said in a statement late Monday that it withdrew some of its beef pasta meals from sale after tests conducted two days earlier detected horse DNA. Nestle said it increased its surveillance after reports emerged last month of mislabelled products being sold in Britain.

"Our tests have found traces of horse DNA in two products made from beef supplied by H.J. Schypke," Nestle said in a statement. "The levels found are above the one per cent threshold the U.K.'s Food Safety Agency uses to indicate likely adulteration or gross negligence."

Nestle insisted that the Buitoni Beef Ravioli and Beef Tortellini meals sent to Italy and Spain, and frozen meat sold as Lasagnes à la Bolognaise Gourmandes to catering businesses in France, were safe to consume.

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Z10. Analysts increasingly polarized on BlackBerry

Analysts are split on the future of BlackBerry and its prospects for sales success, as Canaccord Genuity pulled back its expectations for the smartphone maker on Tuesday.

The investment firm said it believes shipments of the new BlackBerry devices in February will fall short of earlier predictions of just 300,000 units, a far cry from its initial estimate of more than 1.75 million.

The outlook adds to a polarizing view of the smartphone maker from the analyst community, which has a range of price targets from nearly $23 to as little as $9. Canaccord sits at the low end of those expectations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"Our follow-up checks have indicated steady but modest (Z10) sales levels."

Canaccord analyst Michael Walkley

Bring a gun and save

Hands up! I'll have pepperoni, onion and mushrooms

A Virginia Beach, Va., pizza-shop owner is showing his support for firearm rights by giving gun owners a 15 per cent discount.

The discount is given to anyone who brings a gun or concealed handgun permit to All Around Pizzas and Deli. Since the discount began last Friday, owner Jay Laze says, 80 per cent of customers have brought guns into the pizza shop. One customer came in with an AK-47. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Most astronauts explore space, the final frontier.

Chris Hadfield plays space, the Borscht Belt.

Hadfield is the first Canadian commander of the International Space Station, and, unlike previous, more conventional Canadian astronauts, Cmdr. Hadfield is knocking them dead.

It's as if he was on his way to Vegas and, instead of taking I-95, he took the second star to the right and went straight on until morning.

Since climbing aboard the ISS just before Christmas, he has: chatted with Captain Kirk, that other enterprising Canadian; composed a song and sung it with Ed Robertson of the Barenaked Ladies; sent valentines from space ("My heart glows like the Northern Lights ..."); participated in Ask Me Anything on Reddit; taken hundreds of vacation snaps (I think this one is Dublin by day ...); and tweeted compulsively to his 360,000 followers on Twitter.

Back here on the ground, we're not used to entertaining astronauts. Astronauts are tucked in and trim. They say things such as "roger, wilco," not "Wow, I can feel the warmth of the Irish all the way up here. Go raibh maith agaibh!," which is what he tweeted after posting his high-flying photo of Dublin.

High-flying showman

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Hard to tell what he'll do for an encore, but you can bet his global audience will demand it. Maybe he'll be held over, like that other Canadian astronomical stalwart, Cirque du soleil.

It's also hard to tell what this virtuoso tour de farce is doing for space exploration or the Canadian Space Agency, but more than one commentator has pointed out it will be harder to close it down by any government that doesn't have a death wish. Like the RCMP Musical Ride and the Snowbirds, you can't shut Chris Hadfield down any more than you can shut him up.

As I write, he's just finished demonstrating how to make a sandwich in a weightless state. (Peanut butter and honey on a space tortilla that's virtually indestructible. Yum.)

Of course, Hadfield's Orbiting Space Shenanigans aren't universally popular. Some people think he's trivializing space exploration and research. We spent how much to send Bozo into orbit? What about serious issues such as global warming? And, if you're a conspiracy theorist, what's he really doing up there?

Still, anyone with 360,000 followers must be doing something right. I think I've added 36 followers across the same time span. Of course, I can't tell you how to make a PB-and-honey sandwich in total weightlessness. I can, however, recommend crunchy over smooth, a tip that's worth its weightlessness in gold.

There's cosmic gold in them thar hills: "Tá Éire fiorálainn! Land of green hills and dark beer. With capital Dublin glowing in the Irish night," @Cmdr_Hadfield tweeted this photo on Monday, of the city taken from the ISS. TWITTER

Go-go Golden-i gadget

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Inspector's gadget

Headset lets police look through walls

This head-mounted computer promises to give police officers and other emergency services Robocop-like abilities. The Golden-i unit is operated by voice commands and head movements and allows the wearer to access vital information without using their hands. The device also offers the ability to see through walls thanks to infrared technology. METRO

Golden-i's infrared vision: developers say their gadget allows officers to record situations for later analysis and view live video feeds from other Golden-i devices. COURTESY OF GOLDEN-I/REX FEATURES

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You too can spy with a Golden-i

Made by U.S.-based Kopin Corp. and U.K. firm Ikanos Consulting, Golden-i was showcased at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last month, although "no pricing has been announced yet," a spokesperson told Metro. The Golden-i professional kit is expected to be released by the summer, while a consumer version is set for later in the year. METRO

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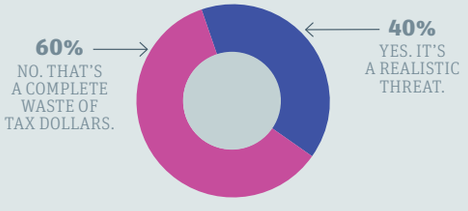

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@b_ryan9: Just saw the clip of Herb Dawe attending his first NHL game in Vancouver at 101 years old! Pretty cool!

@HayaSalameh: I wanna be the team to destroy the hawks record. Sweet sweet victory that would be. #Canucks #hawks #rivals

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Musician Carly Rae Jepsen received five Juno nominations on Tuesday, including album of the year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Call me Juno: Carly Rae top nominee

Award contenders. Justin Bieber, Johnny Reid, Leonard Cohen and Deadmau5 also recognized with multiple nominations

Looks like the Juno Awards knew Carly Rae Jepsen's number.

The singer from British Columbia — whose monster single Call Me Maybe took the world by storm in 2012 — landed a leading five nominations on Tuesday, prompting a flood of kudos and even spontaneous singing from fellow nominees gathered at a media conference.

"It's catchy. It's in my blood," Maestro Fresh Wes, a nominee for rap recording of the year, said as he burst into the chorus of Call Me Maybe in a red-carpet interview.

"You can't help it, man. It's cool, man, it's cool, and I wish her all the best. It's a lot of hard work. People just see the final product, they don't see the blood, sweat and tears that was put into making that project come into fruition, so all the best to her."

Jepsen was nominated for two prizes at the recent Grammy Awards but went home empty-handed.

At the Junos, she'll vie for the fan choice award, single of the year, album of the year, artist of the year and pop album of the year.

Jepsen's biggest competition is Stratford, Ontario-bred teen phenom Justin Bieber, who is next in line with four nominations: fan choice, best album, best artist and pop album.

Other contenders for artist of the year include electronic producer Deadmau5 (née Joel Zimmerman), country music charmer Johnny Reid and legendary troubadour Leonard Cohen.

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Vancouver nominees

Along with Mission, B.C. native Jepsen, some of the West Coast Juno nominees include:

- **Michael Bublé** The Juno host and Burnaby native is also up for the JUNO Fan Choice Award.
- **Marianas Trench.** The Vancouver group are up for a JUNO Fan Choice Award, Album of the Year and Group of the Year.
- **Hedley.** The punk group featuring lead singer Jacob Hoggard from Abbotsford, B.C. are up for a JUNO Fan Choice Award, Single of the Year and Album of the Year.
- **Japandroids.** The indie rock duo are up for Alternative Album of the Year for their acclaimed record Celebration Rock.
- **The Pack a.d.** The fiery female garage duo are up for Breakthrough Group of the Year.
- **Said The Whale.** The group are nominated for Alternative Album of the Year.
- **Hey Ocean.** The Vancouver popsters are up for Breakthrough Group of the Year.
- **Nelly Furtado.** The Victoria native's The Spirit Indestructible got a nod for Pop Album of the Year.
- **The Tenors.** The Victoria group's Lead With Your Heart is up for Adult Contemporary Album of the Year.

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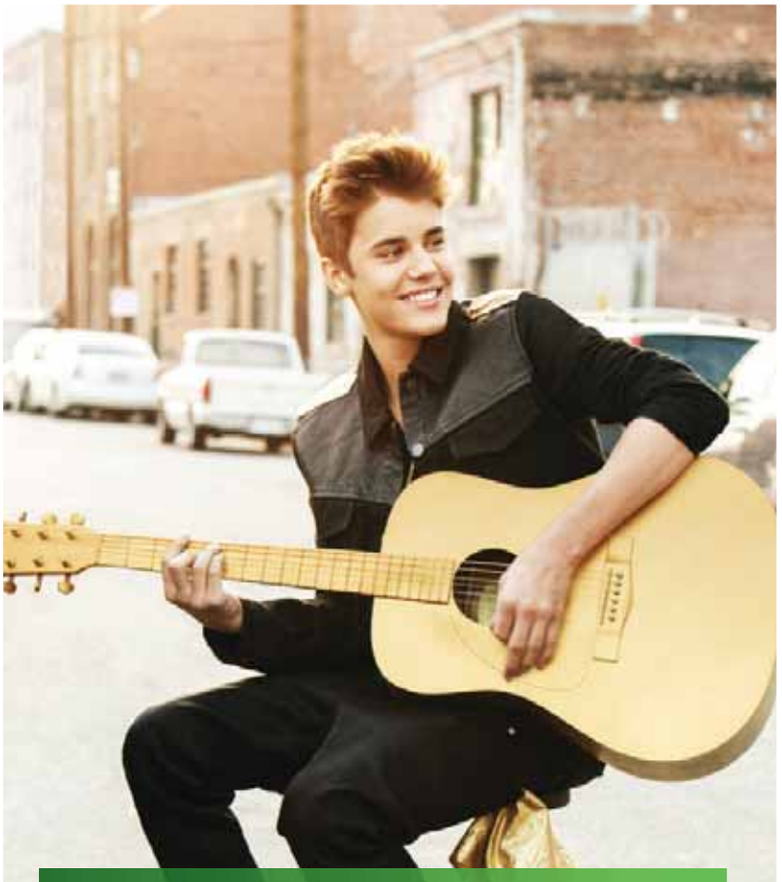

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The word

Paltrow has lost her passion for acting, source says

Gwyneth Paltrow just isn't feeling it anymore when it comes to her acting career, according to Us Weekly.

"She's lost her passion for movies," a source says. "She won't quit acting. Her plan is to do one, maybe two supporting parts a year."

So what else will Paltrow do to fill her time? The source says she will mainly focus on her lifestyle website, Goop, with an aim to emulate another blonde star: Jessica Simpson. "She admires Jessica's empire," the source says. "She wants to make a killing." **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Renee Zellweger

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Zellweger not afraid of some PDA

Renee Zellweger is enjoying her relationship with guitarist Doyle Bramhall, and she's not afraid to show it.

The pair was spotted making out on the beach during their current Hawaiian vacation, according to E! News.

"They have been really cute together," a source says. "They've been openly kissing and cuddling. He even has his guitar on vacation with him and was playing it for her while they waited for their rental car."

Tee up with the greats at the World Golf Hall of Fame

Exclusive club. Take a break from duffing and dream of what it would be like to swing like Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer

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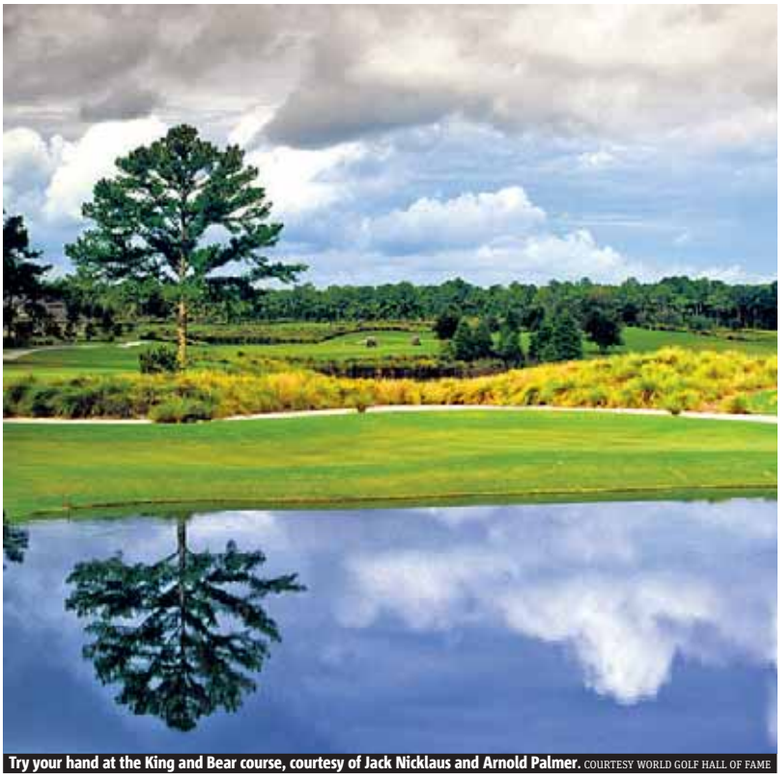
President Dwight D. Eisenhower's golf shoes. Sam Snead's lunch box. Canadian legend Marlene Stewart Streit's first hole-in-one trophy. These are among the thousands of artifacts displayed at the World Golf Hall of Fame, the centrepiece of Florida's World Golf Village, a combination resort and theme park located between Jacksonville and St. Augustine.

As in every corner of the golf-obsessed Sunshine State, the northeast has targeted golf travellers, who account for one-third of the rounds played annually.

More than 50 public-play courses are found in a 153-kilometre stretch of prime beachfront marketers have tagged Florida's First Coast, since it was the first region settled by Europeans and offers the first beaches most vacationers see as they motor into the state.

Many visitors to the World Golf Hall of Fame stay on site at the refurbished 300-room Renaissance World Golf Village Resort, then set out to explore the village's shops, restaurants and the World Golf Hall of Fame, an entertaining mix of conventional museum-style exhibits and cutting-edge video presentations.

The brainchild of former PGA Tour commissioner Deane Beman, the hall is designed to reflect both golf's past and the spirit of the game.



Try your hand at the King and Bear course, courtesy of Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer. COURTESY WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAME

The 18 peaks of the roof of Boston architect E. Verner Johnson's glass-and-steel shrine represent the 18 holes in a round of golf. And the front curve of the building is meant to symbolize the arc of a golf swing.

A barrage of archival films unreel on screens large and small throughout the hall.

In the Bob Hope Theatre, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and other immortals appear in a video highlighting the comedian's famous passion for the game.

Also rolling in a never-ending loop is film of astronaut Alan Shepard's six-iron shot during the 1971 Apollo 14 mission, the swing that made golf the first interplanetary sport.

The Slammer and Squire is also part of the World Golf Village.

Interactive exhibits include a putting green where visitors can try their luck with old-style wood-shafted putters and gutta percha balls.

Another highlight is the Trophy Room at the top of the Hall of Fame Tower, which holds the World Cup, the President's Cup and many more of golf's most famous baubles.

But the spiritual heart of the museum is Shell Hall, where handcrafted bronze relief plaques of each of the 141 honoured members line the Wall of Fame like ancient sarcophagi.

Even more fascinating — and intimately revealing — is the Member Locker Room, featuring more than 2,000 artifacts and memorabilia from the hall's members in lockers dedicated to telling their individual stories.

Found here are Nicklaus's favourite fly fishing rod, Babe Zaharias's harmonica, one of the two Purple Hearts won by Lloyd Mangrum in the Second World War, and the 1970 and 1972 World Team jacket worn by Marlene Stewart Streit, the winner of every major title in women's amateur golf, who in 2004 became Canada's first — and still only — inductee to the hall.

Found almost in the shadow of the hall is the PGA Tour Golf Academy, the only teaching facility that carries the PGA Tour name.

Golf in the land of greats

Right on the World Golf Village property are the two excellent golf courses. Opened in 1998, the 6,939-yard Slammer and Squire course snakes tightly through wetlands before widening and wrapping around the hall. The layout was designed by Bobby Weed with input from Sam Snead (the Slammer) and Gene Sarazen (the Squire). Palmer and Nicklaus, in their only design collaboration, built the King and Bear course, a 7,279-yard beast opened in 2000. Palmer (the King) handled the layout's original routing, which Nicklaus (the Bear) then refined.

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Five free Panhandle activities

The gleaming white sand beaches and turquoise waters of Florida's Panhandle draw millions of visitors each year, but this area isn't known for glitz, glamour and high-end hot spots like some of Florida's other beaches. Instead, the Panhandle offers a laid-back vibe, Southern hospitality and family atmosphere. And the Panhandle offers many opportunities for visiting local attractions that cost nothing at all.

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Beaches

From Pensacola in the western Panhandle to Apalachicola in the east, you'll find more than 320 kilometres of relatively undeveloped beaches. Walk the sand in the early morning or late day to glimpse a spectacular sunrise or sunset over the Gulf of Mexico. Because the beaches don't get lots of traffic — except for a few towns that draw college spring breakers in March — shell seekers often make unique finds such as small conch shells and sand dollars.

National Naval Aviation Museum

The museum is located on Pensacola Naval Air Station and is open to the public 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, navalaviationmuseum.org. The museum offers an extensive collection of vintage military aircraft from all eras of flight. On most Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in March through November, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels flight demonstration squadron practices in the skies above the museum.

Seaside

The picturesque village of Seaside is located on the Gulf of Mexico between Destin and Panama City and includes some of the priciest beach homes in the region. Developed in 1981 as a planned resort community, Seaside was the setting of the 1998 film, The Truman Show, starring Jim Carrey. Seaside is known for its pastel-coloured beach bungalows built in the old Florida tradition and for its beautifully landscaped walkways and public areas.

Wentworth Museum and Historic Pensacola

A collection of historic homes, museums and other sites highlights Pensacola's history dating to the mid-1500s under Spanish, French, British, Confederate and American control. Admission to the T.T. Wentworth Jr. Florida State Museum is free. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For a look inside the historic homes in Historic Pensacola Village, you can take a tour for $6.

The Destin Docks

The sign welcoming visitors to the well-known Panhandle resort city of Destin calls it "The World's Luckiest Fishing Village." The sign is an homage to a time when the area was known for its fine snapper fishing and shrimping rather than high-rise condos, but fishing remains a huge part of local culture. For visitors who don't have their sea legs or who don't want to spend serious money trying their luck at offshore fishing, Destin's fishing docks still offer an entertaining stroll.

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Skiing: March Break trips fit for a teen

Go big or stay home.
No matter if you stay near the GTA or venture out to Vail, an alpine trip is perfect for families with teens

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Blue Mountain's vertical ski is one of the largest in Ontario. KATHY BUCKWORTH/METRO

March break should be a time of reconnecting with family and taking the time to enjoy each other's company. But when the kids are teens, sometimes the last thing they want to do is spend quality time with mom and dad. Except, of course, if you can offer up prime shredding and swooshing as part of the deal.

Skiing and snowboarding holidays are perfect for getting the family out into the fresh air, getting some great cardio exercise and most importantly, providing the opportunity for spending time on the lifts and the slopes, away from the constant presence of screens. But ski hills offer more than just skiing and boarding — a great selection of outdoor activities, including skating, snowshoeing, even mountain coastering are favourites for kids of all ages and stages, even teens and tweens.

Depending on budgets, travel time and ability, finding a place which is perfect for your family can be easy. Make sure you check out accommodations — rooms versus suites, versus condominiums with fully equipped kitchens — and availability of lessons and instructors.

Close to home

Blue Mountain, Collingwood, Ont. While Blue Mountain's ski vertical is one of the largest in Ontario, it's still a relatively small slope at 720 feet. It does have many challenging runs, however, and it makes up for its lack of height by offering a terrific array of activities both on and off the hill that are perfect for the tween and teen market. Night skiing is dominated by the teen ski crowd, who generally operate on a late-to-rise schedule.

The Ridge Runner Mountain Coaster takes riders up through the mountain glades, over half a kilometre track, where the driver-operated cars can reach speeds of up to 42km/hr.

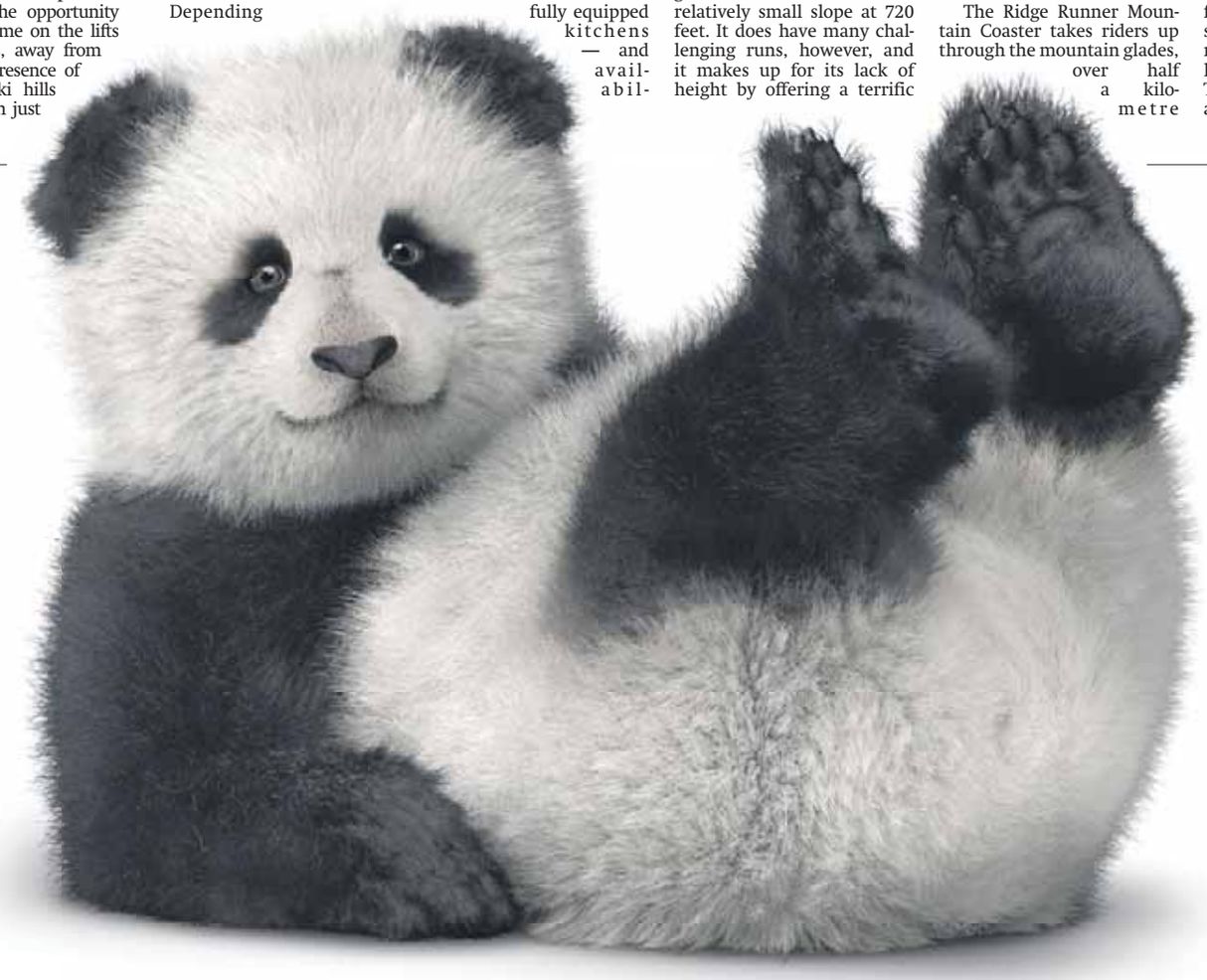
Going Big

Just over a three hour flight from Toronto to Denver, and then another two-hour drive will take you to the heart of Colorado ski country and its flagship hill, Vail Mountain. (Beaver Creek and Breckenridge are short drives away as well.

Bookings for all are easy at snow.com). The base elevation at Vail is 8,120 feet and the ski hill itself tops out at 3,450 feet above sea level, giving bragging rights to all who venture.

Right from the start of the day teens will be engaged when they get into Gondola One, which offers free Wi-Fi. The seven-minute ride allows ample time for Facebooking jealous friends back home.

Experienced teen skiers and boarders will love the challenge of the runs, particularly in the famous bowls. For extreme snowboarders, North America's reportedly longest half pipe is located at Vail's Golden Peak Terrain Park, at 22 feet high, and 600 feet long.



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Ingredients

- 1 cup quinoa
- 2 cups vegetable stock
- 1 1/2 cups canned corn kernels, drained
- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
- 2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp seeded minced jalapeño pepper
- 4 cups chopped fresh spinach
- 1 tbsp water
- 1/3 cup chopped green onion
- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/3 cup crumbled light feta cheese
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice

1. Bring quinoa and stock to boil. Cover and simmer 15 mins., just until stock is absorbed and quinoa tender. Remove from heat and place in serving bowl.

2. Spray non-stick skillet with cooking oil and place over medium heat. Sauté corn approximately 8 mins., just until browned, stirring. Set aside.

3. Spray skillet with cooking oil, add vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Add diced onion, bell pepper, garlic, cumin and jalapeño pepper and sauté until onion begins to brown, about 5 mins. Add spinach and water. Cook until spinach wilts, 2 mins.

4. Remove from heat. Stir in green onion, cilantro, cheese, olive oil, lemon juice and sautéed corn. Add mix to quinoa and combine.

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Student Voice

Have a plan, but be ready to embrace change

Aisalyn Templin
Graduate, Political Science
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After attending three different universities and switching programs three times, I finally landed in political science at the University of Toronto.

It was an unlikely decision, considering my path began with public relations in a media studies program at Humber. I quickly realized this was not the right fit for me and instead pursued studies in an arts and business program at the University of Waterloo.

After a year and a half, I landed my first co-op job at the University of Toronto in a student centre. I loved coming to work every day, even if I missed having classmates at school. This co-op position turned into a full-time job for three years.

When I did go back to finish my degree, I transferred to U of T, which was my new home. Going back to school full-time was a huge challenge — I had gotten used to a student lifestyle, but with a salary and no homework.

When I did go back to class I wasn't sure where it would lead me. Like many of my friends, I decided to apply for a post-graduate program at a college in Toronto.

It turns out life had another plan in mind for me. Three weeks after my classes ended I saw a posting for the job I have today. Knowing my path has been full of twists and turns I decided to go for it.

My philosophy of having a plan but embracing change paid off, and I love what I'm doing now.

Looking back, I resent years of "career planning" that began in grade 10. What happened to being flexible? What about the fact that many of the careers most of us will pursue don't even exist yet? My job wasn't even created until seven months ago.

Aisalyn Templin. HANDOUT

What I'm doing now
I'm working jointly with Alumni Relations and Student Life at the University of Toronto.

My advice for employers
Don't be afraid to invest in young people. My employer took a chance on me when I was only 19, and it paid off for both of us. Young people often bring a level of enthusiasm and fresh perspective that can be a welcome addition to any workplace.

My advice for students and recent grads
Embrace change! Planning out your whole life at the age of 19 is overrated.

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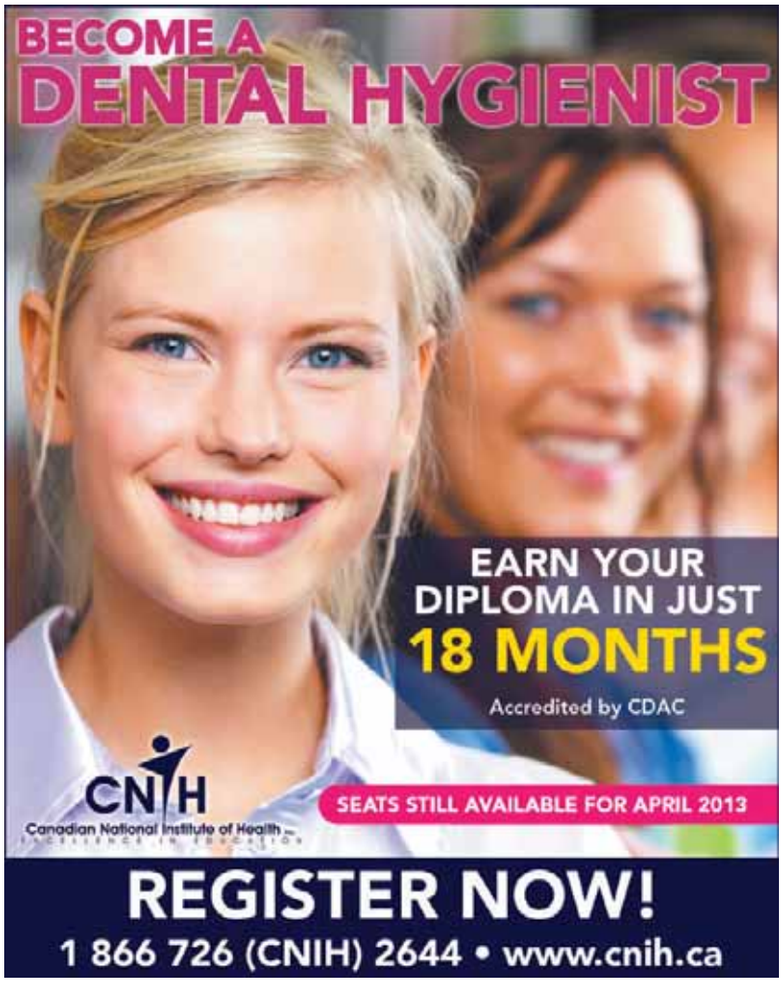

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City slickers: try Ag on for size

Don't fancy yourself a farmer? No matter — the agriculture industry is in need of specializations from engineering to biotechnology

HANSEN WONG
TalentEgg.ca

No matter what your major is or what your interests are, there's likely a career for you in agriculture. And if you've never considered working in the agriculture industry — or you still think working in agriculture means toiling in the sun — read on.

Right now, the industry is in need of specializations ranging from biotechnology to law to graphic design.

If you're like me, a city dweller who spends more time indoors than outdoors, you may question how the agriculture industry would suit you.

But working in the agriculture industry can be incredibly satisfying, the opportunities are endless, and it's one of the more stable industries out there — after all, we all have to eat.

Why choose agriculture?
Agriculture is an industry that often gets overlooked for the more sought after industries, such as oil and gas and the financial sector.

But most agricultural companies offer a laid-back atmosphere, which is a great transition from student life. In no other industry would I get to drive a tractor in a suit or get VIP seats to a chuckwagon race or act as Brock Lesnar's photographer for a day (yep, he's a farm boy!)

Of course, your experience will be different from mine, depending on your field and the company you work for. But at the end of the day, you can go home knowing you helped put food on millions of tables and had fun while doing so.

What jobs are available?
A recent report by the University of Guelph found that there are more than three jobs per agricultural graduate in Ontario. In the Prairies, the industry has never been stronger.

Because of the size of the industry, there are opportunities within almost every field. Engineers are needed for the development of industrial equipment, from GPS farming technology (known as precision farming) to 30-ton tractors, while computer scientists are needed in areas such as data processing and data storage.

I work as an online marketing specialist for Rocky Mountain Equipment, an agriculture equipment dealer group. While my expertise lies in SEO, SEM, PPC and a few other fancy acronyms, other marketers in my company have specializations ranging from event planning to client relations, graphic design and public relations.

Then there are the advertising agencies. AdFarm and Woodruff Sweitzer are full-service advertising agencies that cater only to agricultural clients. AdFarm has offices across the Prairies, with teams of graphic designers and account executives at each office.

And for the science majors, there are the agricultural sciences. If you're not sure what to do with your B.Sc, consider that the agriculture industry employs biochemists, entomologists, geneticists and biotechnologists, just to name a few career paths.

Canada's agricultural sector employs one in eight Canadians. ISTOCK IMAGES

And still, there are countless opportunities I have yet to touch on, including engineering positions for John Deere (which spends $2 million a day on R&D), to loan officer and financial analyst positions for TD Canada Trust's Agriculture Services or Scotiabank's Agricultural Banking divisions. Chances are, no matter what your passions are, there's a career for you in agriculture.

What about job security?
The easy answer to this question is that we all need to eat. But to take this a step further, Canada's agricultural sector is likely Canada's most stable industry. It accounts for 8.1 per cent of Canada's GDP, employs one in eight Canadians, and the industry has grown a steady 1.5 per cent each year since 1997.

Have I convinced you yet?
While your university or college may not have a focus on agriculture, their career centre will still have contacts in the industry. And talentegg.ca has a dedicated focus on the agriculture industry with career guides and new job postings regularly.

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Turning a passion for farming into a career

The agricultural industry is full of knowledgeable people wanting to share what they know. ISTOCK IMAGES

As many students and recent graduates know, figuring out what career path you want to pursue is almost as challenging as actually pursuing it.

But fourth-year University of Guelph student Emily den Haan knew early on her heart was in the agricultural industry.

Growing up on a dairy farm got her actively involved in the agricultural community right from the get-go, and participating in 4-H immersed her even further in the industry.

In the midst of pursuing her bachelor of science in agriculture and getting actively involved on campus, Emily also began to build up her career outside of school with a summer job at an international seed company.

What are the biggest challenges you have faced with this job and in this industry?
Without an intense cropping background I found it a steep learning curve to understand and communicate with other employees or sales reps at first. It was challenging but by asking questions and being keen to learn and take in information, I learned quickly. I find these challenges are the most rewarding and beneficial because you learn so much just by stepping outside of your comfort zone and learning about something you are not familiar with.

What do you love the most about this job and this industry?
I really enjoy building relationships and working with sales reps and customers by providing trial information or helping them plant plots. It goes back to why I fell in love with agriculture to begin with — the people are great to work with.

What are some of the coolest experiences you have had so far working in agriculture?
Seeing all the diverse farming practices and production systems in Canada and across North and South America was a pretty exciting and noteworthy experience for me. In my second year of university I went to Costa Rica on an international agriculture field trip. It was really neat to compare their practices and farms with ours back in Canada.

What are your future goals?
I will be working in agricultural banking upon graduation in April 2013 and eventually, in the next five to 10 years, I plan on returning home to the dairy farm.

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How to succeed in agriculture

First steps. To kick start your career in this industry, you'll need a desirable skill set, a willingness to learn and a great attitude

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There are two kinds of wheat varieties: durum and non-durum. The wheat you consume is durum, while livestock feed uses non-durum wheat. Since wheat is the Prairies' main agricultural export, every farmer knows the difference between durum and non-durum wheat.

But here's the thing: to succeed in the agricultural industry, you don't need to know this. You'll learn about the industry on the job but all you need to start off is a desirable skill set, a willingness to learn and a great attitude.

While the same could be said of any job in any industry, the agriculture industry is unique in that there are certain areas that need strengthening. From my experience, these areas include logistics and marketing.

As a marketer, the route I took involved specializing in online marketing. Countless SEO firms are springing up and targeting agriculture companies because of the gap in this specialization. A company that is able to internalize online marketing costs would see better returns on their investment in online advertising — and this was my niche upon entering the agriculture industry.

Secondly, you'll need to be able to learn and learn fast. To show your manager — or anyone else who has a say over your career path — that you're serious about a career in agriculture, you'll need to invest in educating yourself on the company's product.

And this doesn't have to be boring. You can read online articles, watch YouTube videos, read Fertilizer International (if that's your product) or read buyer's guides for farm machinery. But don't play FarmVille — that really won't help.

Don't forget to offer up a great attitude and work ethic. Although this point may seem obvious, it's also imperative. Even in my short career, I've seen people idling through their obligatory eight hours.

Agriculture is a seasonal industry so you'll experience weeks that are slower than others. But even then, make sure you remain productive by working on long-term projects or preparing yourself for the upcoming season.

The agriculture industry offers career opportunities to those who have specialized skill sets. ISTOCK IMAGES

Making an impression

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This mother and her pups were found in distress, but thanks to SPCA intervention and donor support all the dogs are now fully recovered and have been adopted into loving homes.

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Animal lovers, bakers and confectionary connoisseurs across the country are invited to bake cupcakes and raise funds for Canada's inaugural national fundraising program for SPCAs and humane societies.

National Cupcake Day, Monday, Feb. 25, is organized by the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) and the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) with many participating organizations across the country.

"We are encouraging people to register online at nationalcupcakeday.ca and then to bake and offer cupcakes by donation on Feb. 25, with all proceeds going to support their favourite participating SPCA or humane society," says Rosemary Conder, chief development officer of the BC SPCA. "Supporters can host National Cupcake Day parties in their homes, bake cupcakes to take to school or the office or offer them by donation in the community. It's an easy and fun way to make a life-saving difference in the lives of animals who desperately need our help."

"We hope animal lovers will encourage their family and friends to donate online and to support their efforts by attending local National Cupcake Day parties, collecting donations or hosting events of their own," says Marc Ralsky, director, community and donor development for the OSPCA. "Everyone loves cupcakes, and they taste even sweeter when you know it's for a good cause."

The event originated in Australia, developed by creative and passionate fundraisers at the RSPCA in New South Wales.

"The event there currently raises $1 million annually Down Under," Conder says.

"And our RSPCA colleagues have been generously sharing their resources to make it a reality in Canada."

Once registered online, participants are mailed a National Cupcake Day host kit, which includes a poster, sticker, balloons and fundraising guide, making it easy for those who want to participate and help animals in need. Even if you are fashionably late joining in on the fun, you are welcome to continue fundraising or hosting an event after Feb. 25.

"This event is a team effort and every donation and cupcake counts," Ralsky says. "We would like to thank all participants and our generous sponsors Petsecure, Reynolds and BMO. Together we will be helping create a healthier and happier future for animals."

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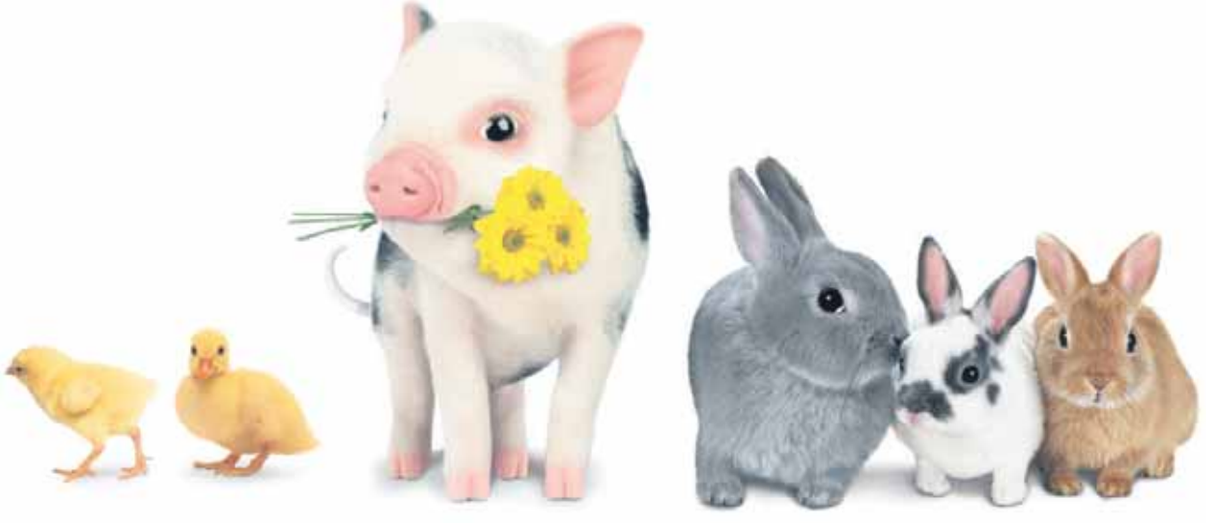

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Canucks can't stop record run

NHL. Vancouver loses in shootout to Blackhawks, who matched record for season-opening points streak

On Tuesday

4	3
Blackhawks	Canucks

The Chicago Blackhawks beat the Vancouver Canucks 4-3 in a shootout Tuesday night to give them 16 straight games with at least one point, matching the NHL record to start a season.

Patrick Kane and Andrew Shaw scored in the shootout for the Blackhawks (13-0-3), who earned their third consecutive win and joined the 2006-07 Anaheim Ducks as the only teams to record at least one point in the first 16 games of a season. The Ducks got off to a 12-0-4 start that year and went on to win the Stanley Cup.

Chicago will go for the record Friday night when it hosts the San Jose Sharks for the second time in a week. But it could be without star forward Marian Hossa for that one after the winger had to be helped off the ice during the third period following a forearm to the back of the head from Vancouver forward Jannik Hansen.

Alexander Edler and Kevin Bieksa each scored in the final 2:42 of regulation for the Canucks, who opened a four-game trip with their third consecutive loss. Daniel Sedin had a goal and an assist, and twin brother Henrik had two assists.

After Jonathan Toews of Chicago and Jordan Schroeder of Vancouver were denied in the shootout, Kane skated in on Cory Schneider and tried to stuff one in close to the goal. It was waved off as the puck trickled into the net, leading to boos from the sellout crowd and an exasperated reaction from Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville.

Chicago Blackhawks defenceman Nick Leddy tries to clear the puck under pressure from Vancouver Canucks right winger Jannik Hansen on Tuesday in Chicago. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Replays showed Schneider knocked it in with his glove, and the officials put the goal on the board after a short review.

Chris Higgins then converted his chance for the Canucks, and Shaw put the Blackhawks ahead once again with a nice backhander. That put all the pressure on Ryan Kesler, whose shot was gloved by Ray Emery to end the game.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL's loss is Lions' gain with Olafioye

Much like his teammate Solomon Elimimian the day before, B.C. Lions offensive lineman Jovan Olafioye says he's done with the National Football League.

The Lions re-signed Olafioye on Friday, the first day of CFL free agency, while on the same day he went through a physical for the Cleveland Browns. He had interest, workouts and even contract offers from NFL teams but instead chose the Lions, who provided a better fit.

The NFL's loss is the Lions' gain, though high blood pressure is essentially responsible for Olafioye not being able to find employment down south. Olafioye says he monitors his condition and takes medication.

"I really don't understand," Olafioye said Tuesday at the Lions' Surrey practice facility.

"But ... I just put that in back of me and I'm not really worried about that no more."

When last Friday morning rolled around, Lions general manager Wally Buono said even he was nervous Olafioye wouldn't return.

The 25-year-old from Detroit enters his fourth season with the Lions and the CFL accolades have rolled in steadily for Olafioye since his 2010 rookie year.

West Division all-star times three, twice a West Division nominee for outstanding lineman and in 2012 the league's most outstanding lineman. He also hasn't missed a game — regular season or playoffs — since he came to B.C.

He's reliable and durable, all thanks to three characteristics — work ethic, athletic ability and toughness — says offensive line coach Dan Dorazio.

"When you put those three together ... that's what he brings to the table," said Dorazio.

"He's blessed. He's been durable and that's a blessing. He's been able to fight through any aggravations he's had.

"It's just worked well for him."

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Offensive lineman Jovan Olafioye stands between his father, Dr. Salewa Olafioye, and Lions GM Wally Buono. CAM TUCKER/METRO

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Milos Raonic is licking his chops over playing Canada's Davis Cup quarter-final tie against Italy at Vancouver's Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre, where he has won all of his Davis Cup singles matches. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Raonic et al. headed back to Vancouver

Tennis. UBC will host Canada's Davis Cup quarter-final tie vs. Italy

Milos Raonic is looking forward to taking his big serve to UBC again for Canada's Davis Cup quarter-final tie against Italy in Vancouver.

The Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre, named Tuesday as the venue, has been kind to the Canadian tennis squad, which upset Spain there earlier this month to advance to the World Group quarter-finals for the first time.

"I feel good about it," said Milos Raonic, Canada's top player, who is ranked 14th in the world. "I've personally played well there. I think we've played well as a team in the UBC arena."

The team for the April 5-7 best-of-five series against Italy will be chosen by captain Martin Laurendeau at a later date. But one thing is known already: Raonic will be tagged as Canada's top player.

Raonic feels confident at UBC, where he has won all of his Davis Cup singles matches. The hard court, laid over a cement floor, is conducive to his powerful serve, which reached speeds of 220-230 km/h against Spain.

The 22-year-old Thornhill, Ont., native said he and his teammates are improving, so it's a good time to be on the Davis Cup team.

"We have a lot of faith that we can still achieve moving forward," Raonic said.

"And it's important to me because I know it's a big goal, Davis Cup, but I also know for ... the growth of tennis in Canada that Davis Cup is a platform that can't be matched with too many individual results as far as growing the sport." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Possible addition

Canada's lineup could see one significant change against the Italians. Jesse Levine, a dual Canadian-American citizen who was born in Ottawa but grew up in Florida, is now eligible to play for Canada.

NBA

Raptors roll past Wizards in D.C.

DeMar DeRozan and Rudy Gay scored 24 points apiece, and the Toronto Raptors won a matchup between slow-starting, coming-on-lately teams Tuesday night with a 96-88 victory over the Washington Wizards.

The Raptors took the lead for good in the second quarter and won their fifth straight game, putting them one victory shy of last season's total.

The Raptors have also won three in a row on the road for the first time since 2007 and are 6-2 since Gay arrived last month from the Memphis Grizzlies in a three-team trade.

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NBA. Grizzlies' winning ways extend past break

The Memphis Grizzlies needed a few minutes to shake off their all-star break rust. Once they did, they dominated the Detroit Pistons.

Mike Conley scored 19 points, Zach Randolph had his 31st double-double and Memphis won its fourth straight game Tuesday night, 105-91 at Detroit.

Randolph had 15 points and 10 rebounds and the Grizzlies rode a strong second quarter to win in both teams' first game since the all-star break.

The Grizzlies gave up 30 points in the opening period, but allowed the same total in the second and third quarters combined.

"From there, we dominated the game," coach Lionel Hollins said. "We were in complete control."

Brandon Knight and Jonas Jerebko each scored 13 points and Jose Calderon added 10 points and seven assists for the Pistons, who have lost two of their last three at home.

The Grizzlies trailed by as many as 11 points in the first half, but ended it on a 23-3 run to lead 53-42 at intermission. The Pistons managed just one basket in the final eight minutes of the half and had twice as many turnovers as field goals (8-4) in the second quarter.

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On Tuesday

Grizzlies	Pistons
105	91

MLS

Whitecaps add Leveron to centre back depth chart

With an increasingly capable crop of centre backs on the Vancouver Whitecaps roster, Martin Rennie will be faced with difficult decisions when it comes to squad selection this season.

On Tuesday, the local Major League Soccer side officially announced the signing of Honduran defender Johnny Leveron, who joins a list of centre backs on the Whitecaps that includes established players such as captain Jay DeMerit, Andy O'Brien and Brad Rusin.

And with Leveron providing a left boot on the back line, there's one more option for the coach.

"You must have tough decisions, you must have competition," Rennie, speaking in a phone interview from Charleston, S.C., said of the internal competition his players will face throughout the season.

"There's no question about it. You have to have a deep squad with players who can all perform and play when called upon and I think we're getting close to that now."

The Vancouver Whitecaps signed Honduran defender Johnny Leveron, left, on Tuesday. VANCOUVER WHITECAPS

The depth of the entire squad has, through the draft and some recent signings, improved — at least on paper, according to Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi.

"There's hope that you're going to need to go beyond your starting 11 and beyond your roster of 18 and you're going to need depth," said Lenarduzzi.

"I believe we, on paper, have that right now. But what you want to see is that become a reality once we start playing."

Leveron, 23, captained the Honduran Olympic men's soccer team that nearly upset Brazil in the quarter-finals in London.

He trained for the first time with his new club Tuesday in Charleston but hasn't played an actual match since the end of November.

"He will need a bit of time to get fully fit, and he's a young player, too," said Rennie.

The process of trying to officially sign highly touted midfielder Nigel Reo-Coker also continues.

Lenarduzzi said there is still interest from the Whitecaps, but nothing to announce yet.

The Whitecaps continue their exhibition schedule against the Houston Dynamo tomorrow.

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	36	14	.720	—
New York	32	18	.640	4
Indiana	32	21	.604	5 1/2
Brooklyn	32	22	.593	6
Chicago	31	22	.585	6 1/2
Atlanta	29	22	.569	7 1/2
Boston	28	25	.528	9 1/2
Milwaukee	26	26	.500	11
Philadelphia	22	29	.431	14 1/2
Toronto	22	32	.407	16
Detroit	21	34	.382	17 1/2
Cleveland	16	37	.302	21 1/2
Washington	15	37	.288	22
Orlando	15	38	.283	22 1/2
Charlotte	13	40	.245	24 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	42	12	.778	—
Oklahoma City	39	14	.736	2 1/2
L.A. Clippers	39	17	.696	4
Memphis	34	18	.654	7
Denver	34	21	.618	8 1/2
Golden State	30	23	.566	11 1/2
Utah	31	24	.564	11 1/2
Houston	29	26	.527	13 1/2
Portland	25	28	.472	16 1/2
L.A. Lakers	25	29	.463	17
Dallas	23	29	.442	18
Minnesota	19	31	.380	21
New Orleans	19	35	.352	23
Sacramento	19	35	.352	23
Phoenix	17	36	.321	24 1/2

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Toronto 96 Washington 88
Charlotte 105 Orlando 92
Memphis 105 Detroit 91
Brooklyn 113 Milwaukee 111 (OT)
Chicago 96 New Orleans 87
Denver 97 Boston 90
Utah 115 Golden State 101
Phoenix at Portland
San Antonio at Sacramento

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Memphis at **Toronto**, 7 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Brooklyn at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Houston, 8 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	16	11	5	0	52	38	22
New Jersey	16	9	3	4	42	38	22
NY Rangers	15	8	6	1	39	38	17
Philadelphia	17	7	9	1	45	49	15
NY Islanders	16	6	9	1	46	57	13

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	16	11	4	1	46	35	23
Boston	13	9	2	2	37	31	20
Toronto	17	10	7	0	48	40	20
Ottawa	17	9	6	2	40	32	20
Buffalo	17	6	10	1	47	56	13

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	14	8	5	1	41	40	17
Tampa Bay	15	8	6	1	59	47	17
Winnipeg	15	6	8	1	37	47	13
Florida	15	4	7	4	35	56	12
Washington	15	5	9	1	41	51	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	16	13	0	3	55	34	29
Nashville	17	8	4	5	39	38	21
St. Louis	16	9	6	1	53	50	19
Detroit	16	7	6	3	43	48	17
Columbus	16	4	10	2	36	51	10

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	15	8	3	4	44	37	20
Minnesota	15	7	6	2	33	38	16
Edmonton	14	6	5	3	35	38	15
Colorado	14	6	7	1	37	43	13
Calgary	14	5	6	3	39	51	13

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	15	12	2	1	53	39	25
San Jose	15	8	4	3	39	34	19
Phoenix	16	8	6	2	44	41	18
Dallas	16	8	7	1	41	43	17
Los Angeles	13	5	6	2	30	36	12

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Montreal 3 NY Rangers 1
Winnipeg 2 Buffalo 1
Ottawa 3 NY Islanders 1
Tampa Bay 4 Toronto 2
San Jose 2 St. Louis 1
Nashville 4 Detroit 3 (OT)
Chicago 4 Vancouver 3 (SO)
Los Angeles at Edmonton

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Ottawa 2 New Jersey 1 (SO)
Philadelphia 7 NY Islanders 0
Colorado 6 Nashville 5
Montreal 3 Carolina 0
Toronto 3 Florida 0
Phoenix 4 Calgary 0
Anaheim 3 Columbus 2

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 10 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Florida at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
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Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Carolina, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
NY Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

LIGHTNING 4, MAPLE LEAFS 2

First Period
1. Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 6 (Pouliot, St. Louis) 9:25
2. Toronto, Grabovski 4 (Kulemin, Macarthur) 17:59
Penalties — Bench Tor (Too Many Men) 1:40, Crombeen TBL (Fighting) 7:56, Brown Tor (Fighting) 7:56, Brown Tor (Misconduct) 7:56.
Second Period
3. Tampa Bay, Stamkos 10 (Conacher, Pouliot) 4:56
Penalties — Purcell TBL (Tripping) 1:34, van Riemsdyk Tor (Hooking) 6:52, Scrivens Tor (Tripping) 13:06, Brown Tor (Holding) 15:30, Stamkos TBL (Hooking) 15:41.
Third Period
4. Tampa Bay, Killorn 2 (Crombeen) 2:49
5. Tampa Bay, Carle 3 (Pouliot, Hedman) 6:58 (pp)
6. Toronto, van Riemsdyk 9 (Kessel, Bozak) 16:08
Penalties — Grabovski Tor (Hooking) 5:29, Hedman TBL (Fighting) 11:08, Kadri Tor (Fighting) 11:08, Orr Tor (Roughing) 11:08, Orr Tor (Misconduct) 11:08, Aulie TBL (High-sticking) 14:03, Aulie TBL (Fighting) 14:03, Fraser Tor (Fighting) 14:03.
Shots on goal:

Toronto	**9**	**7**	**9—25**
Tampa Bay	**4**	**6**	**9—19**

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2013 Ford Taurus SHO

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive full-size sedan
- **Engine (hp).** 3.5-litre DOHC V6, twin-turbocharged (365)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic with paddle-shift controls
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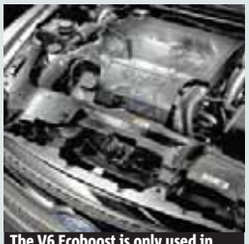

The V6 Ecoboost is only used in a few applications and performs great in the F-150 pickup, actually.

Design

All Taurus models display a restyled grille and lower air intake, with the SHO receiving the blacked-out mesh-style grille as well as a set of bright high-intensity-discharge headlamps. Other visual markers include a deck lid spoiler plus unique 19-inch wheels and front rotors.

All wheel drive

A major component of the SHO's performance content is its standard all-wheel-drive that kicks in when the car is driven in an aggressive manner, when it's cornering and when the weather turns nasty and surface grip is compromised.

Review. You could be excused for thinking the SHO is just another Taurus, but is this really a bad thing?

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Full-size sedans appeal to people requiring, or preferring, plenty of space for people and their gear. It's simple, really. The Ford Taurus SHO extends its appeal to drivers seeking a fast four-door with cat-like reflexes, regardless of road.

The SHO, which stands for Super High Output, has traveled a long way since its beginnings back in 1988 as a 220-horsepower sport sedan. Then, as now, the "show" (as it's pronounced) has never been a huge seller simply because it basically looks like any other Taurus. And with a price tag in the $50,000 range, it's $8,000 more than the best-equipped, regular-strength Taurus sedan that money can buy. Fifty large is also within range of the Boss 302 Mustang with its 444-horsepower 5.0-litre V8. That sort of muscle eclipses the SHO's twin-turbocharged 3.5-litre "EcoBoost" V6 with its 365 horsepower and 350 pound-feet of torque.

Still, the 1,980-kilogram 2013 SHO delivers respectable potency with an estimated zero-to-60-mph (96 km/h) time of 5.2 seconds. It also offers a level of genteel cruiser-class comfort for five adults that's inconceivable in the Mustang.

The SHO's V6 is matched to a six-speed automatic transmission with steering-wheel-mounted paddle shifters.

Hidden from view are stiffer front springs and a beefed-up brake package highlighted by a larger master cylinder and front rotors. The electric power steering unit can been specifically calibrated to deliver plenty of feel and feedback for the driver.

Interestingly, much of the SHO-specific gear has been installed in the Taurus Police Package that replaces Ford's ancient (and now retired) Crown Victoria.

There's even more in store for buyers who opt for the Performance Package. Here, you get a sport-tuned suspension, upgraded brakes, an "extreme duty" cooling system, a higher numerical final drive ratio for snappier acceleration and 20-inch machined wheels with summer-specific performance tires.

Ford states the Performance Package is the one to get for buyers looking to stretch their SHO's legs once in a while on the racetrack. A Taurus on a racetrack? Move over Boss 302, the whole family is coming.

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Driving Force.
Hyundai introduces eye-tracking and 3D tech in concept vehicle

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The Hyundai HCD-14 Genesis concept vehicle has no centre stack, and there are no buttons or knobs on the dash. HANDOUT

The safest way to drive is with your eyes on the road, of course. Still, that isn't always easy to do when there are numerous controls that you have to adjust for the climate, stereo and other functions.

Hyundai thinks it may have the answer with a new system that uses eye-tracking and 3D technology to handle some of the car's functions. The technology has been demonstrated in the company's HCD-14 Genesis concept vehicle, but there's no timeline on when it might be available in production vehicles.

"Premium vehicles have (numerous) buttons, knobs, dials and switches, and it's overwhelming," says Michael Ricciuto, national manager of product and strategic planning for Hyundai Canada. "We want to simplify it so that customers get the full benefit of functionality, but with their eyes primarily on driving."

The design shown in the concept car has no centre stack, and there are no buttons or knobs on the dash. When the driver wants to control a function, he first presses a button on the steering wheel, which activates the system.

A small head's-up display shows up on the lower part of the windshield, with icons for each of the car's various systems. When the driver looks at the one he wants, several small cameras track his eye movements and determine which one to select.

From there, the driver puts his hand in front of a sensor area near the console and make a gesture to control the function, such as turning the wrist, which will adjust the stereo's volume or fan speed, or a motion to select a radio station or turn on the heated seats. The system can be used for navigation controls, or for smartphone connectivity functions.

"It has to be simple and natural," Ricciuto says. "You look at the icon, turn it on with your eyes, and away you go, and that's the fundamentals of how it will work. We're preparing for the next generation of controlling a car. We can say people should turn off their devices and drive, but the reality is that won't happen, so these are the technologies we think will make it simpler and more intuitive."

More details

- Although the system works with hand gestures, the driver has to initiate the sequence with a button, which prevents unintended operation.
- Hyundai plans to eventually offer the system in some of its premium models in the future.

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2006-2010 Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT8

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Chrysler's SRT team worked their magic on the Grand Cherokee for the 2006 model year, creating a fire-breathing SUV that would become the best-selling SRT8 model yet. With room for a family and its things, a 6.1 litre, 425-horsepower V8 engine and all-wheel drive, it was a hot-rod sport-ute that drivers could use all year round. All models got a five-speed automatic transmission with manual mode. And, best of all, unlike models from across the pond, this HEMI-powered monstrosity didn't require parting with an appendage to own.

Common Issues

First-generation Grand Cherokee SRT8 shoppers are advised to scrutinize the condition of consumable parts like brakes, tires and suspension, and have the vehicle's underside checked for signs of damage or leakage. Checking service records is also advised. Be sure the seller isn't trying to pass off a unit that's wearing a set of fried tires and brake pads.

Be cautious of any model that's fitted with upgrades beyond simple intake and exhaust modifications. Note that some modifications may adversely affect reliability, warranty coverage and even be illegal.

Have a mechanic inspect the transfer case for signs of leakage, which could indicate a bad seal. Look for any check-engine lights that may be illuminated, and be sure to triple-check the air conditioning system for proper operation, too.

The presence of "groaning"or "grinding" sounds from the rear of the vehicle during turning could indicate a worn-out or damaged rear differential. Clunking or popping sound from beneath the vehicle when driving over bumps could indicate a worn-out suspension component.

What to look for

Look for upgraded Brembo brakes and suspension, wheels and tires and a variety of track-ready improvements. Forget taking this Jeep in the dirt though — it's lowered suspension and front air-dam wouldn't approve. Feature content included heated leather, navigation, premium audio, a sunroof and plenty more.

What owners like

Most Grand Cherokee SRT8 owners rave about crushing performance, looks, sound effects and year-round operation combined with everyday flexible utility. Obviously, passing power, acceleration and braking performance are highly rated.

What owners dislike

Fuel consumption, limited rear-seat space and a sometimes-rough ride are among the most common complaints of the Grand Cherokee SRT8. Additionally, some wish for a more "upscale" interior feel, though a mid-cycle refresh of the Grand Cherokee did fit some additional premium materials to address this concern.

Verdict

Seek out a Grand Cherokee SRT8 that hasn't been abused and neglected, and you can expect a reliable and affordable way to access world-class family SUV performance.

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Diesel flag keeps flying high

Auto Pilot. Car companies betting on Canadians' love of diesel, despite our neighbours' reservations

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Ried Bigland, Chrysler Canada president, at the Toronto auto show with the new 2013 Ram Heavy Duty packing the 6.7-litre Cummins diesel engine. Bigland announced that the light-duty Ram 1500 pickups will also get diesel option for 2014 — a 3.0-litre V6 made by its Italian partners, VM Motori. MIKE GOETZ/FOR METRO

You can feel the current swirling around your rubber boots — the ones with the little ducks on them. Each successive auto show yields another announcement about another diesel entry.

In December at the L.A. auto show, we learned that Mazda6 will eventually have a 2.2-litre diesel option, and that Audi will be adding four new diesel variations to its lineup. Audi Q7 can already be optioned with a TDI, and now the TDI joy spreads to A6, A7, A8 and Q5.

At Detroit in January, Chrysler announced its revitalized 2014 Grand Cherokee will get a diesel — a 3.0-litre V6 developed and manufactured by Fiat's long-term supplier, VM Motori.

A few weeks later in Chicago, GM announced Chevrolet Cruise would join the diesel party.

And now we come to the auto show on this week in Toronto. At a press conference at the show last Thursday, Chrysler said its Ram 1500 pickup would also get that 3.0-litre V6 destined for the Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Of course, all these new diesel vehicles will join those already in the Canadian market by diesel zealots Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen and BMW.

The interesting thing about this last batch of diesel announcements is they concern more mainstream, high-volume segments, like compact car, light-duty truck, and mid-size crossover. With the noticeable exception of Volkswagen Jetta and Golf diesels, the German manufacturers have been flying the diesel flag at lofty levels — basically as a premium option in an already premium nameplate.

At the Toronto show I ran into auto industry analyst Denis DesRosiers, who believes the big diesel shift in this country will come when one of the manufacturers is prepared to — or is able to — offer a diesel in or around $20,000.

Right now, diesel seems to be about a $7,000 to $10,000 option, depending on the model. Not only are diesels engines more complicated, they often require beefier transmissions to handle their increased torque. And, they're typically offered on more upscale trim levels, pushing their MSRPs even higher.

If we get diesels down into cheaper segments and on cheaper trim lines, then we'll get somewhere. According to DesRosiers, Canadians are already in love with diesels.

And what's not to love? Their increased torque translates to great every day driving experiences. They have huge range. They last forever and offer great resale potential. They're even "green" — though increased emission regulations will push the technology, and keep their prices comparatively high.

Americans still harbour misconceptions about diesels. Specifically that diesels are smelly and noisy, and that diesel fuel itself is in short supply and hard to find. You might even have to fight with truckers at truck stops to get your share!

Canadians are so past that, says DesRosiers. And we're so past my word count for this column. So gotta go. See you next week.

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Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may not like making sacrifices but deep down you know that something has to go. This is the ideal time for a clear-out — be it physical, mental or emotional. Get your broom and sweep away those cobwebs.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Challenges of one kind or another have been met and overcome, and now you know you can compete on equal terms your confidence will soar. Today, however, you need to cooperate a bit more and compete a bit less.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
This is a good time to extend your education in some way. If there is a particular topic that intrigues you then find out all you can about it. What you learn will be useful to you in the months ahead.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
The Sun in sympathetic Pisces encourages you to look further afield for the answers you seek. In some way or other you will be on the move today — and you'll discover things that few people know about.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't gamble with what you own and earn. You may be tempted to take some kind of financial risk, with the promise of big rewards if it goes the right way. But what if it doesn't? You cannot afford to take the chance.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Friends will do anything for you today — all you have to do is ask. But before you do, bear in mind that you should not take their goodwill for granted. The best friend is the one who doesn't expect too much.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A certain task that looked so difficult a short while ago now looks incredibly easy. So what are you waiting for? Get on with it. You may surprise yourself how easily you make a success of it.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The Sun in your fellow Water sign of Pisces not only fills your heart with joy but fills your mind with all sorts of creative ideas. What you do next is up to you but do something — and make it amazing.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It may seem as if the world is against you but it's not remotely true. In fact, you'll realize you have friends in all directions if you only look on the bright side and stop entertaining negative thoughts.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It is important that you know who among your friends and relatives can be trusted because if you confide in the wrong person today, the results could be disastrous. But confide you must. Don't keep your feelings to yourself.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
An issue that has been causing you sleepless nights will resolve itself over the next 24 hours, much to your relief. Next time, try not to take this kind of situation so seriously. Time heals all wounds — be they real or imagined.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You know what needs to be done today, so get on and do it. The earlier you get busy, the quicker you will get through your chores and the more time you will have to do fun things with others this evening.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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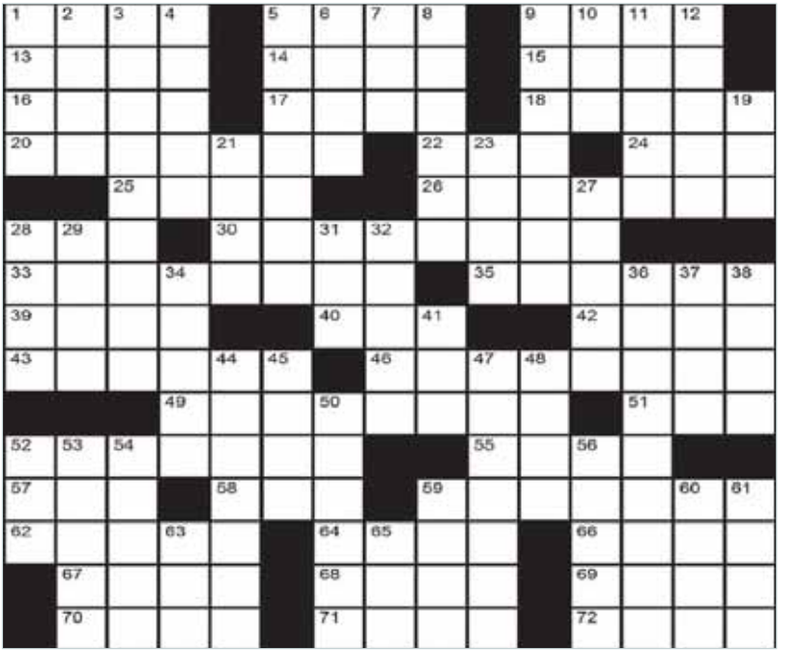
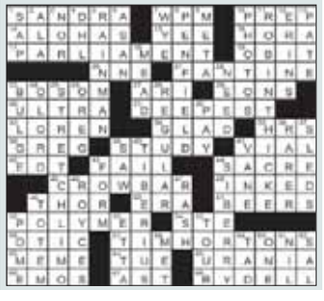


Across
1. The __ Awards (Overseas Grammy equivalents)
5. Canada Goose monument site in Ontario
9. Capricorn, for one
13. Baroque painter, Guido __
14. Business person, briefly
15. Mr. Aoki (World Golf Hall of Famer)
16. Prefix to 'gon' (Eight-sided shape)
17. Mr. Baldwin
18. The __ MacNeils (Celtic band from Cape Breton)
20. Super clean and sanitary
22. 'Computer' suffix (Tech jargon)
24. "__, humbug!"
25. Tirade
26. Sentence enders.
28. UK military fliers
30. Best Actress nominee Jessica for "Zero Dark Thirty"
33. February's birthstone
35. Oscar-winning actress Marlee
39. But, in Spanish
40. Villain's chuckle, when repeated
42. Reign
43. Peace talks agreement
46. Folk music instrument
49. Oscar-winning Canadian actress Marie of "Min and Bill" (1930)
51. Dubai's locale [acronym]
52. Type of blouse or skirt
55. Audacity
57. Engine starter [abbr.]
58. Tel Aviv, __.
59. Oscar-winning film, "The English __" (1996)
62. Jaleel White's "Family Matters" role
64. Make film cuts
66. Type of duck
67. Gen. Robert _. __
68. Feminizing suffix
69. Actress Ms. Collette
70. The Yukon, e.g.
71. Free ticket
72. Nylons nick

Down
1. Warner __. (Film studio)
2. Prefix with 'angle'
3. Meddle
4. Heiress' headdress
5. Rich
6. Wheel shaft
7. Small
8. Take
9. Remote region of Russia
10. Old Testament book, for short
11. Screen legend Greta
12. U.S.-Canadian airspace protection org.
19. Sighed sounds
21. Move along slowly
23. Crease
27. Li'l lead-in
28. Transfixed
29. USA part, for short
31. Fireplace residue
32. Flower parts
34. Some amphibians
36. Yoga wear company founded in 1998 in Vancouver
37. Figure skater Mr. Kulik
38. Ms. Leakes of reality TV
41. "Shallow __" (2001)
44. Nova Scotia-based comedy of 2001 to 2008, "__ Park Boys"
45. Hankerings
47. Invalidates
48. "Shoot!"
50. Meryl of multi-Oscars
52. More, in music
53. White-plumed heron
54. Foot-to-leg connector
56. Enumerates
59. Brooches
60. "99 Luftballons": 1980s hit for who?
61. Baby branch
63. 'Ballad' suffix
65. CSI evidence

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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					7			8
5						9		3
	2		3			1	4	
				4				
	1	8			9		3	
9		1						6
8			5					
	4	3	8		2		7	

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	6	9	2	5	4	3	7	8
8	5	7	3	9	6	4	1	2
3	4	2	1	8	7	6	9	5
7	9	6	8	3	2	5	4	1
2	1	8	7	4	5	9	3	6
5	3	4	9	6	1	2	8	7
9	7	3	6	2	8	1	5	4
6	8	5	4	1	3	7	2	9
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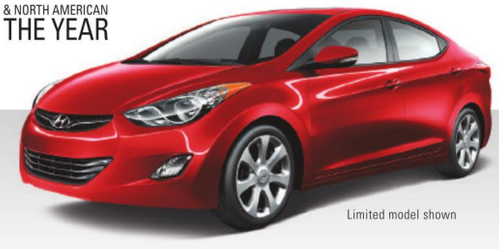

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℠The Hyundai names, logos, product names, feature names, images and slogans are trademarks owned by Hyundai Auto Canada Corp. †Finance offers available O.A.C. from Hyundai Financial Services based on a new 2013 Elantra L 6-Speed Manual/Elantra GT GL 6-Speed Manual/Accent 4 Door L 6-Speed Manual/ Tucson L 5-Speed Manual/Santa Fe 2.4L FWD Auto with an annual finance rate of 0%/0%/0%/0.99%/1.99% for 84 months. Bi-weekly payments are $96/$108/$82/$124/$167. No down payment required. Cost of Borrowing is $0/$0/$0/$777/$2,048. Finance offers include Delivery and Destination of $1,495/$1,495/$1,495/$1,760/$1,760. Registration, insurance, PPSA, fees, levies, charges, license fees and all applicable taxes are excluded. Delivery and destination charge includes freight, PD.E., dealer admin fees and a full tank of gas. Financing example: 2013 Elantra L 6-Speed Manual for $17,444 at 0% per annum equals $96 bi-weekly for 84 months for a total obligation of $17,444. Cash price is $17,444. Cost of Borrowing is $0. Example price includes Delivery and Destination of $1,495. Registration, insurance, PPSA, fees, levies, charges, license fees and all applicable taxes are excluded. Delivery and destination charge includes freight, PD.E., dealer admin fees and a full tank of gas. ▼Fuel consumption for 2013 Elantra Sedan L 6-Speed Manual (HWY 5.2L/100KM; City 7.1L/100KM)/2013 Elantra GT GL 6-Speed Manual (HWY 5.3L/100KM; City 7.8L/100KM)/ 2013 Accent 4 Door L 6-Speed Manual (HWY 5.3L/100KM; City 7.1L/100KM)/2013 Tucson L 5-Speed Manual (HWY 7.7L/100KM, City 10.4L/100KM)/2013 Santa Fe 2.4L FWD Auto (HWY 6.7L/100KM, City 10.1L/100KM) are based on Manufacturer Testing. Actual fuel efficiency may vary based on driving conditions and the addition of certain vehicle accessories. Fuel economy figures are used for comparison purposes only. ♦Price of models shown 2013 Elantra Limited/Elantra GT SE Tech 6-Speed Auto/Accent 4 Door GLS Auto/Tucson Limited AWD/Santa Fe 2.0T Limited AWD is $24,794/$27,844/$20,094/$34,109/$40,259. Prices include Delivery and Destination charges of $1,495/$1,495/$1,495/$1,760/$1,760. Registration, insurance, PPSA, fees, levies, charges, license fees and all applicable taxes are excluded. *Price adjustments are calculated against the vehicle's starting price. Price adjustments of up to $1,100 available on 2013 Elantra GT GL 6 speed Manual. Price adjustments applied before taxes. Offer cannot be combined or used in conjunction with any other available offers. Offer is non-transferable and cannot be assigned. No vehicle trade-in required. †*♦Offers available for a limited time, and subject to change or cancellation without notice. See dealer for complete details. Dealer may sell for less. Inventory is limited, dealer order may be required. ††Hyundai's Comprehensive Limited Warranty coverage covers most vehicle components against defects in workmanship under normal use and maintenance conditions.

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